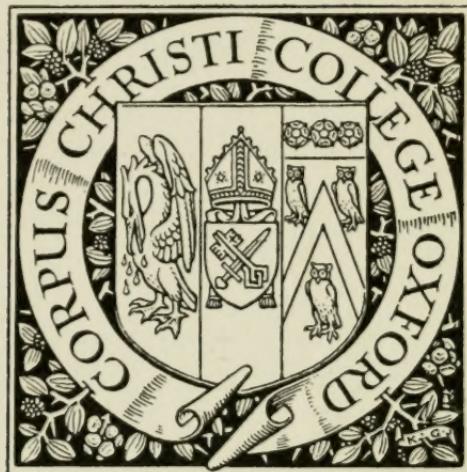


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AND LATE HEADMASTER OF SHREWSBURY SCHOOL  
THESE VOLUMES ARE DEDICATED  
BY HIS FORMER PUPIL THE EDITOR



MY DEAR DR KENNEDY,

On the completion of a work which has cost both thought and labour I gladly dedicate it to you, to whom indirectly it owes so much. Many years have passed since the days when I was among your earliest pupils at Shrewsbury; but the memory of the benefits then received from your instructions is as fresh as ever. A succession of scholars year after year from that time to this will bear testimony to the advantages which they have derived from your zeal skill and varied knowledge; and over and above all from that something higher which gave to what was taught life and meaning and interest: denn es musz von Herzen gehen, was auf Herzen wirken will.

The present edition claims as you will see to do something both for the criticism and for the explanation of the poem. After the masterly work of Lachmann you will think perhaps that too much space has been allotted to the former; but that portion of the book is intended partly to give the reader in a condensed shape the results of his labours, partly to add to and correct them where circumstances or design rendered them incomplete. The scandalous negligence with which Havercamp and Wakefield executed what they professed to undertake has made their editions worse than useless, as the reader who trusts to them is only betrayed and led into error. What Lachmann performed is known to all who take an interest in such studies: from my first introduction readers will learn what opinion I entertain of his merits; they will also find that all which I have added to what he has done is with one insignificant exception derived from the original sources to which they refer. The manuscripts which I have cited were examined by myself; the editions and manuscript notes were open before me all the time I was at work. The large amount of critical material thus amassed I have endeavoured to put into as

concise and compressed a form as possible ; though much of this material needs perhaps to be recorded only once and might be greatly abridged if it has ever to appear again in a new shape.

The length of the explanatory notes calls I fancy for less excuse. This very year three centuries have elapsed since Lambinus published the first edition of his Lucretius ; and from that day to this nothing new and systematical, nothing that displays pains and research has been done for the elucidation of our author. Transcendant as are the merits of that illustrious scholar, what was suited to 1564 can hardly satisfy the wants of 1864. No defence then is needed for the extent of this division of my commentary : if it were done over again, more would probably have to be added than taken away. It will not be so easy perhaps to excuse the translation. This however is really a part of the explanatory notes ; and if it had been left undone, they must have been enlarged in many directions. Our author too unless I am mistaken will admit of being thus treated better than most ; and the fashion of literal translations seems to be gaining ground in this country as well as in Germany and France.

To the advice and friendly assistance of my brother fellow Mr King, our highest authority in that branch of art, is due the likeness of the poet which appears on the titlepage. With K. O. Mueller, Emil Braun and other judges he is convinced that the original on a black agate represents our Lucretius. The style of art and the finely formed letters of the name point to the late republic. Almost unknown then in other respects, in this he has been more fortunate even than Virgil, whose so-called portraits are all I am told late conventional and unreal.

Sincerely yours

THE EDITOR.

TRINITY COLLEGE, OCTOBER 1864.

## PREFACE TO THE THIRD EDITION

ALTHOUGH in outward shape this third edition exactly resembles the second, it will prove I trust in essential points to be more in advance of the second, than the second was of the first edition. Partly for other obvious reasons, and partly because the second impression was larger than the first and has now been exhausted for nearly a year, the interval given me for reflexion has been much longer; and as the author is now so familiar to me, I have been able to bring all my reading to bear upon the improvement of the text and the commentary. The critical notes are I believe improved in many important points, though their bulk of course has not been increased: compression was needed here rather than expansion. The explanatory notes however have been enlarged by the substance of at least fifty pages, chiefly through a somewhat closer printing. Nor does this at all represent the real amount of change, as many of the longer notes have been entirely rewritten and much that was superfluous or erroneous has been cut out. Many thousand fresh illustrations have been added.

For more precise conceptions on some points of the poet's philosophy, especially the motion of his atoms, I have been greatly indebted to the works of Professor Clerk Maxwell and Professor Tyndall, and to a thorough and excellent article in the 48th volume of the North British Review on 'the atomic theory of Lucretius': of Martha's brilliant work I have spoken elsewhere. For the general criticism

of my author I owe much to the well-pondered remarks of Mr N. P. Howard, whose letter to me I have printed in the first number of the new Journal of Philology; and, especially in the third and fourth books, to the communications of my friend Professor J. E. B. Mayor, to whose notes I have appended his initials.

In the 25th and 26th volumes of the *Philologus* there is a long ‘Jahresbericht’ by Mr Fried. Polle on the Lucretius literature after Lachmann and Bernays; and some remarks of his occur in Jahn’s *Jahrbuecher*. He hardly touches on the interpretation or philosophy of the poet nor have I been able to adopt any of his own conjectures which are not very numerous. The most valuable hint I have got from him is on v 312, though my own correction is very different from his. In several volumes of the same *Philologus* appear very prolix notes on the earlier books by Mr Susemihl and Mr Brieger. The former confines himself chiefly to rearranging paragraphs and to proposing numerous transpositions of verses, in neither I think with much success. Many of his new arrangements of paragraphs are I assert demonstrably wrong; and his violent transpositions would lead to the wildest confusion. Once however I have obeyed him in not making a new paragraph of iv 168—175: it was an accident that this was not done before, as my attention was absorbed in refuting Lachmann’s errors there. Mr Brieger, who is the more combative of the two, indulges mainly in conjectural alterations of the text. Once or twice I have referred to Mr Holtze’s ‘Syntaxis Lucretianae lineamenta.’

On the whole my criticism is now I believe more conservative than it was. Again and again I have found that, seduced by the learning of Lachmann, I have followed him in changes which really corrupt the author. This must hold then in many other cases as well. If the text of Virgil rested, like that of Lucretius, on a single manuscript, how much there is in him we should refuse to accept as Latin! This ‘must give

us pause.' Yet I have not sinned I think in defending the indefensible. It is probable however that, if I should ever issue another edition, I should leave as manifestly corrupt some passages which defy anything like certain or even very specious correction.

My lamented friend Professor Conington published a lecture on the style of Lucretius and Catullus which has been reprinted among his Miscellaneous works. This lecture, written in a tone of the kindest courtesy, is for the most part a criticism of a single paragraph in the introduction to my explanatory notes; and, so far as Catullus is concerned, almost of a single sentence. This paragraph I have now omitted: justice could be done neither to him nor to myself within the limits that could be permitted here. If I should ever venture on any reply, some other place and opportunity must be found for it.

TRINITY COLLEGE, APRIL 1873.

## PREFACE TO THE FOURTH EDITION.

THE present edition is divided into three volumes, the first containing the text and critical notes, the second the commentary and general index, the third the translation.

The text is practically the same as in the last edition: in one place only (1442) a new reading is printed, and that was only omitted before through accident as was explained at the end of the index. There are a few additions, not more than half-a-dozen, to the critical notes; these have been inserted in square brackets. The translation too has undergone no change.

In the commentary there are few alterations but considerable additions amounting in all to more than twenty pages. These supplementary notes and illustrations have been taken from an interleaved copy of the last edition which was found among Mr Munro's books after his death in the spring of last year. Also on p. 333 of the commentary will be found some extracts from letters addressed by him to Professor Palmer of Trinity College, Dublin, discussing the reading of v 1010; Professor Palmer was kind enough to send me these letters. As the extracts deal with the criticism rather than the explanation of the passage, they should have been inserted in the first volume; but by an accident they were delayed until after that volume was printed. Nothing has been inserted from any other source whatever. Here too all that is new has been inclosed in square brackets. In the new examples the references have been verified. To the index large additions have been made by myself.

It remains to express my thanks to Dr Forbes, the relative and executor of Mr Munro, for the kindly feeling which led him to entrust me with the preparation of this edition, and also for the generous consideration he has shown throughout.

J. D. DUFF.

TRINITY COLLEGE, CAMBRIDGE,  
FEB. 18, 1886.

# LUCRETIUS.

## NOTES I

### ON THE FORMATION OF THE TEXT

IF Lucretius had come down to us with a text as uninjured as that of Virgil and a few other ancient writers, he could scarcely have been reckoned among the most difficult Latin poets. Certainly he would have been more easy to explain than Virgil for instance or Horace; for he tells what he has to tell simply and directly, and among his poetical merits is not included that of leaving his reader to guess which of many possible meanings was the one he intended to convey. Fortune however has not dealt so kindly with him. Not that the great mass of his poem is not in a sound and satisfactory state: in this respect he is better off than many others; but owing to the way in which it has been handed down, his text has suffered in some portions irreparable loss. It is now universally admitted that every existing copy of the poem has come from one original, which has itself long disappeared.

Of existing manuscripts a fuller account will presently be given: let it suffice for the moment to say that the two which Lachmann has mainly followed and which every future editor must follow, are now in the library of Leyden. One is a folio written in the ninth century, the other a quarto certainly not later than the tenth. Large fragments of one, if not of two others, of the same age as the quarto and very closely resembling it are also still preserved, partly in Copenhagen, partly in Vienna. These manuscripts and at least one more must have lain for centuries in the monasteries of France or Germany, where they found at different periods several correctors, more or less competent. It is to be presumed then that they had some readers, though few if any traces of them are to be met with in the voluminous literature of the middle ages. In my previous editions I said that my friend Professor Mayor had given me a reference to Honorius of Autun in the *bibliotheca maxima patrum xx p. 1001*, who is there made to quote *ii 888* in this way, *Ex insensilibus me credas sensile gigni*, the context proving that he meant to say *ne*, not *me*; and asked whether this writer who flourished in the

first half of the twelfth century had taken the line from the poem itself; or had borrowed it from Priscian inst. iv 27 who cites it with *nasci* instead of *gigni*, the editor of the *bibliotheca* having thought fit tacitly to substitute *gigni* from Lucretius. The latter is proved to be the fact by Mr Julius Jessen in the *philologus*, vol. 30 pp. 236—238: he quotes what follows from Barthius' very learned note on *Stat. silv.* II 7 76: ‘nec vero cadentibus aut collapsis iam rebus Romanis auctoritatem suam amisit Lucretius noster, ut videre potes apud Magnentium Rhabanum praefatione Laudum Daedalarum Crucis, Gulielmum Hirsaugensem in Institutionibus Philosophicis et Astrologicis, Honorium Augustodunensem in Historia Mundi, Ven. Bedam Libro de Metris’. Referring to the only printed edition of this work of William of Hirschau, who lived from 1026 to 1091, he shews that Honorius copied from him the passage in question, and that William cites it thus: ‘Ex insensili credas sensile nasci’, getting it clearly then from Priscian. Hrabanus Maurus and Beda seem just as little to have known Lucretius at first hand. [Hermes vol. 8 p. 332, it is said that in Brit. Mus. ms. 377 (13th century) of Daniel de Merlai's *Philosophia*, in p. 90 a, Lucretius is quoted.]

In Italy he was even more completely unknown. A catalogue which Muratori antiq. III p. 820 assigns to the tenth century, proves that the famous library of Bobbio contained at that time *librum Lucretii* I; but before the fifteenth no Italian poet or writer shews any knowledge of him whatever. In the year 1414 the celebrated Poggio Bracciolini went as apostolic secretary to the council of Constance and remained on this side the Alps in different countries, Switzerland Germany France and England, until 1420, with one short interval passed in Milan and Mantua. During these years he procured from various monasteries many most important Latin works hitherto totally unknown in Italy: see Mehus' preface to his life of Ambrosius Traversarius p. xxxiii foll. Among these was a manuscript of Lucretius, obtained apparently from some German monastery either by him or his companion Bartholomew of Montepulciano, about 1417 as his letters seem to indicate, and transmitted the same year to his intimate friend the Florentine Niccolò Niccoli, a most zealous scholar and patron of the revived classical studies. This manuscript, which Poggio wrongly supposed to be only a part of the poem, has itself disappeared, but was the parent of every copy written during the 15th century, that is to say of every one now extant with the exception of those specified above: it must have very closely resembled the Leyden folio. ‘Et te, Lucreti, longo post tempore tandem Civibus et patriae reddit habere suae’ says Landinus in his poem in praise of Poggio. Niccoli having such a treasure in his hands was in no hurry to part with it. We find Poggio writing to him in December 1429 to remind him that he had kept his Lucretius twelve years. A few days later it is ‘you have had Lucretius now for fourteen years; I want to read

him, but cannot get him ; do you wish to keep him another ten years ?' He had already tried in vain what coaxing could do : he promises him at one time to send the book back in fifteen days, at another time in one month, if he will only let him have it for so long ; but feels sure his book will come to him at the Greek calends. Much as Niccoli loved Poggio, he loved still more to have the sole possession of a newly discovered Latin poet, and I doubt whether Poggio saw his Lucretius at all events before his return from Rome to Florence in 1434. Niccoli died in 1437 and left behind him a manuscript written by his own hand and now in the Laurentian library, the truest representative of Poggio's lost original, as is abundantly proved by the critical notes of the present edition. Between this date and that of the earliest printed editions a knowledge of the poem was diffused through Italy by many incorrect copies. Eight of these, including Niccoli's, are preserved in the Laurentian library, all of which I have examined, two with care, as being of no small importance for the text; six are in the Vatican, all seen by me as long ago as the autumn of 1849. Of the copies in England I have had in my hands at least seven ; one of these belonging to our Cambridge library has been open before me the whole time I was writing my critical notes. Those manuscripts which have been of any importance in forming the text will be more fully spoken of, after the printed editions have been discussed.

The *editio princeps*, of which only three copies are known, was printed about 1473 by Ferandus of Brescia. It is the only one of the early editions which I do not possess ; I have had to trust therefore to the very unskilful collation of Gerard at the end of the Glasgow edition of Wakefield. As it was printed from a manuscript a good deal corrected, but yet inferior to such amended copies as the Cambridge ms. for instance or that which I call *Flor. 31*, it is of little importance in the history of the text : of far less than the two next editions, since they by accident came to be the foundation of the vulgate. The former of these was published by Paulus Fridenperger at Verona in 1486 'die vigesimo octavo septembris calen. octobris'. It was printed from a ms. closely resembling the one written by Niccoli, as may be seen by the most cursory inspection of my critical notes. It is therefore very rude and inaccurate, but being less interpolated than the *editio princeps* or the majority of existing mss. it represents the archetype more faithfully than these do, though there is hardly a line without some monstrous blunder. The next edition was published in Venice 'per theodorum de ragazonibus de asula dictum bresanum' 4 september 1495. From some elegiac verses at the end one C. Lycinius would appear to be its editor, if editor he can be called ; for it exactly reproduces for the most part the Verona edition even in the minutest points of its perverse punctuation. There are however throughout the poem not a few differences in the two editions, some

of little, others of greater importance ; for example iv 125—190 are wanting in the Verona, but not in the Venice. The reason why I dwell on this fact will appear presently.

In December 1500 Aldus published his first edition of our poem, the first systematic endeavour to make it intelligible throughout. The editor was Hieronymus Avancius of Verona, who dates his dedication ‘Kalen-dis Martii. M.ID’, old style I presume, and really therefore 1500 : an interval of twenty-two months between the two dates would not be easy to understand. Avancius is known by other works also, especially the Aldine edition of Catullus. A slight inspection will shew that he took either the Verona or the Venice edition, upon which to form his text ; a more careful examination will prove that it must have been the latter. My critical notes will furnish many other instances ; let me here only mention that in III 994 he and Ven. have *torpedine* for *cuppedine*, while Ver. reads *turpidine* ; 1011 he takes from Ven. its remarkable reading *egenus*, which Lachmann adopts and wrongly assigns to Marullus : Ver. follows the Leyden and all other known mss. in reading *egestas* ; 1015 he and Ven. have the absurd reading *numela* for *luella*, where Ver. has the equally unmeaning *biela*. Ven. therefore is the ‘ante impressus’ spoken of by Aldus. Avancius’ preface shews that for his day he was a good and well-read Latin scholar, and had studied Priscian Nonius and Macrobius for the illustration of his author. Aldus in his prefatory letter to Albertus Pius confirms this, and says that he knew Lucretius by heart, ‘ut digitos unguesque suos’. Avancius in his preface asserts much the same ; and the few critical remarks he there inserts shew that this was true at least to a certain extent. At the same time he admits with a seeming candour that owing to the immense difficulty of the work he has left much for others to do. Much indeed he has left undone ; and it would have been a herculean task for one man fully to correct the desperately corrupt Venice edition, especially in those days when there were but few extraneous aids and the art of systematic criticism was still in its infancy, two generations having yet to elapse, before it reached its full growth in the hands of the illustrious school of French critics. What he has done however is very great and entitles him to high praise, if it is indeed his own. But this shall be considered presently. The next edition is that of the well-known scholar Ioannes Baptista Pius, published 1511 ‘kal. Maii’ in his native Bologna. Lucretius’ text is embedded in an enormous commentary which displays amid much cumbrous learning no slight acquaintance with the Latin poets, several of which he edited before and after his Lucretius. He thus describes what he has done : ‘contulimus non sine aerumnis vigiliisque diutinis codicem veneti Hermolai : et Pomponi romani : codicemque non omnino malum : qui servatur Mantuae in bibliotheca quadam suburbana : qui fuit viri non indocti gentis clarissimae Strotiorum. non defuit Philippi

Beroaldi praeceptoris quondam mei: nunc collegae: impressus quidem: sed tamen perpense examinatus. Codri quoque grammatici Bononiensis: cuius copia mihi per Bartholomeum Blanchinum virum eloquii excultissimi facta est: Marullique poetae industria mira castigatum non defuit exemplar Severo Monaco Placentino graece latineque perdocto musarum athleta non gravatim offerente'. He makes no mention at all of the man to whom he was most indebted, Avancius: for his text is a reprint of the first Aldine, with however not a few changes of words or phrases, often for the better, often for the worse, either inserted in the text or proposed in the notes, and derived it may be presumed in many cases from one or other of the sources just mentioned. But strange to say when he makes a change in the text, the lemma of his note nearly always contains not this reading, but that of Avancius as if he had meant it to stand: thus 19 he rightly reads *difuso lumine*; but his lemma has *difuso numine* with Avancius, which the latter however corrects at the end of his Catullus: and he adds 'sunt qui legunt *lumine*'. 15 for *capta* he wrongly inserts in the text *quodque*; but his lemma has *capta*, and his note rightly explains the construction and makes no mention of *quodque*. 34 his text properly has *Reiicit*, his lemma *Refficit* after Avancius; 35 his text wrongly gives *suspirans*, the lemma *suspiciens*; and so throughout the poem. This very singular circumstance I explain in this way: he was living at Rome when his edition was printed and seems to have sent the text and commentary separately; for the bookseller prints at the end a long page of errors with this notice prefixed, 'Hieronymus Platonicus Bononiensis bibliopola ad lectorem. contulii Pii exemplar cum edito Lucretio: labeculasque pauculas notavi cet.' Pius' edition was reprinted by Ascensius in 1514 with not a few changes in the text, some of them taken from the notes.

The next edition must be ever memorable in the history of Lucretius, that published by Philip Giunta 'anno salutis. M.D.XII. mense martio'. Whether this means 1513 new style I cannot tell; but I know that he dates a Gellius and a Romualdi vita as published in January 1513, 'Leone pont. max. christianam R.P. moderante' and 'Leonis X anno primo'. Now Leo X only became pope in March of that year; so that here he must be speaking of 1514; and in Florence at all events this mode of dating seems to have been in common use. The editor was Petrus Candidus who, great and important as the corrections are which he has introduced, has yet used a copy of the first Aldine upon which to make them, though he has never mentioned the name of Avancius. It seems to have been the practice of those times to take at least whatever was printed without acknowledgment: thus Giunta regularly made booty of Aldus, Aldus of Giunta in turn. What is said in the present case is grounded on a close inspection of the two volumes. Candidus, where he does not designedly leave him,

follows Avancius in the minutest points of spelling and punctuation. The latter for instance says in his preface that he writes ‘*veteres imitatus repertumst, itemst, necessest*’ and the like : Candidus in his preface that ‘in tam culto, tam nitido, tam undecunque castigato poeta’ he will not admit archaisms like *volum*, *volnera*; or *nullast*, *haudquam* *quamst* and the like. And so in his text while rejecting Avancius’ *patefactast*, *volnere*, etc., he keeps his *frugiferenteis*, *rapaceis* and a thousand such forms which have no authority in their favour, while those which he discards have much. Lachmann always so hard upon Avancius says ‘*huius ineptissimam scribendi rationem Eichstadius studiose imitatus est*’, but has not a word of blame for Candidus.

But whence has the latter got his many and brilliant corrections ? for few or none appear to come from himself. He says in his address to Thomas Sotherinus that what he did was to collate all the *vetusta exemplaria* that were in Florence and to expunge what was condemned by the obeli of Pontanus and Marullus, ‘*praestantissimorum aetate nostra vatum*’. He refers of course to John Iovianus Pontanus and his friend and pupil Michael Marullus, after Politian two of the first scholars and Latin poets of the most flourishing period of Florentine learning, the latter half of the fifteenth century : ‘*Marullo ed il Pontan*’ have the honour to be mentioned together by Ariosto in the Orlando xxxvii 8. But Candidus goes on afterwards to speak only of Marullus ‘*cuius in hoc opere censuram potissimum secuti sumus*’; and in a note at the end he says that in changing the order of verses here and in most other places he has followed the arrangement of Marullus. To Marullus therefore everything which is peculiar to the Juntine has usually been assigned, whether in the way of praise, or of blame as by Victorius and by Joseph Scaliger who inherited among many other of his father’s antipathies his dislike to Marullus. But Lachmann has gone much farther than this, and has given to him not only by oversight, as will be seen in notes 1, much that belongs to older authorities ; but everything that first appeared in Avancius’ edition as well, calling the latter ‘*fur improbus*’ and other opprobrious names. That he got much assistance from the labours of Marullus is certain ; but by ascribing to the latter everything that is in the Juntine, in some respects more, in others less credit is given to him than he deserves. As I can throw some light on this interesting question, I will examine it at some length here and in various parts of notes 1.

The scholar, poet and soldier, Michael Tarchaniota Marullus Constantinopolitanus, as he calls himself in the editions of his poems printed during his life, appears from this title and his epitaph in San Domenico of Ancona, where he and so many of his ancestors are buried, as well as from the epithet *Bizantius* given to him by his friend Petrus Crinitus, to have been born in Constantinople. As he can hardly

have passed middle life when he perished in the river Cecina near Volterra April the 10th 1500, he must have been a mere child when on the capture of his native city he was brought to Italy, probably to Ancona. He received his training however in Florence, and he found a Maecenas in Lorenzo de' Medici. Though he never printed anything on Lucretius, his manuscript emendations appear to have been well known during his life, and a copy of the poet to have been found on him at his death: 'ex miseranda illa in mediis Cecinae undis Latinarum musarum iactura cladeque insigni unus est Lucretius receptus' says Candidus in his preface; and his friend Petrus Crinitus in his *de honesta disciplina xv 4*, published in 1504, but mostly written it would seem before Marullus' death, after well refuting an alteration of his which shall presently be referred to, adds 'quae ab eius quoque sectatoribus recepta sunt pro verissimis'. This intense love of Lucretius he seems only to have conceived in the latter years of his life. Candidus, whose preface full of feeling shews that he greatly loved Marullus and deeply deplored his untimely end, strives to make the most of what he did: he says 'Lucretianae adeo veneris per omnem aetatem studiosus fuit, ut cet.' But this must be an exaggeration: the first edition of his poems, published without a date, but not later than 1490, containing only two books of epigrams, shews so far as I can see no trace of any acquaintance with Lucretius. Catullus is chiefly imitated even in the elegiacs, and next to him Tibullus and Horace. Six pages from the beginning there is a poor poem of eight lines 'de poetis Latnis' [sic], in which he says that Tibullus Maro Terence Horace Catullus, each in his kind, are the only good Latin poets: *Hos si quis inter caeteros ponet vates, Oneret quam honoret verius.* The Roman editions of 1490 and 1493 I have not access to; but in December 1497, two years and a few months before his death, he published at Florence a much enlarged edition. A third and fourth book of epigrams are added: in these too I find no trace of Lucretius. Then follow four books of hymni naturales. In these, especially such as are written in heroics, the strain is 'of a higher mood', and we meet with frequent imitations of Lucretius, even in the lyrics, as *Opibusque late pollens tuis* which recalls *Ipsa suis pollens opibus*. But in these heroics it is to be noticed that the rhythm is Virgilian, not in any respect Lucretian even where he closely follows the latter's language, as in the hymn to earth: *Ante repentina caeli quam territus haustu Vagiat aetheriam in lucem novus editus infans. Cum proiectus humi nudus iacet, indigus, exsors Auxilii, infirmusque pedum infirmusque palati.* Then imitating at once and contradicting Lucretius' *ut aecumst, Cui tantum in vita restet cet.* he goes on *Atque uno non tantum infelix, quod sua damna Non capit et quantum superat perferre laborum.* This the last poem published in his lifetime is full from beginning to end of Lucretian phraseology. In this edition too he

inserts two new verses in the poem ‘de poetis Latinis’ spoken of above, *Natura magni versibus Lucretii Lepore musaeo illitis*, the best in the poem and recalling *musaeo contingens cuncta lepore*. Crinitus l.l. xxxiiii 7 quotes this poem and mentions a conversation he had with Marullus in which ‘factum est iudicium nuper a nostro Marullo de poetis Latinis egregie perfectum et prudenter’, and Ovid and other poets are blamed; and then it is added ‘itaque legendi quidem sunt omnes inquit [Marullus]; sed hi maxime probandi pro suo quisque genere Tibullus Horatius Catullus et in comoedia Terentius. Vergilium vero et Lucretium *ediscendos asserebat*’. Let what has just been said be at once applied to a striking interpolation. After 1 15 the Juntine first inserted the v. *Illecebrisque tuis omnis natura animantium*, which long kept its place in the common editions. Lachmann of course attributes it to Marullus, as do most editors. Lambinus says of it ‘neque eum Naugerius neque Pontanus habuerunt. Marullus unus vir doctus ex auctoritate veteris eiusdem codicis, quemadmodum mihi religiose asseveravit Donatus Ianottus, nobis eum restituit. amicus quidam meus ingenio et doctrina praestantissimus putat esse ab ipso Marullo factum cet.’ What his authority is for that which he says of Pontanus I do not know, but Naugerius editor of the Aldine of 1515 properly omits the line, though he in general minutely copies the Juntine. Now this line is written by the hand of Angelo Politian in the margin of a manuscript which belonged to him and forms xxxv 29 of the Laurentian library. Politian died in September 1494, when Marullus could hardly yet have done much for Lucretius; and besides this as he had been long the deadly enemy of Politian, it is not likely the latter would have inserted in his manuscript one of his verses. I infer therefore that it is Politian’s own; and as Candidus says in his preface that he collated all the ‘vetusta exemplaria’ in Florence, he could not have neglected this manuscript which was then in the famous conventional library of San Marco. I conclude therefore that Candidus’ taking it from the margin of Politian’s ms. is the right explanation of Ianottus’ assertion that Marullus got it from an ancient codex. It is quite possible indeed that Marullus copied it himself from this ms. which passed to San Marco immediately after Politian’s decease, and thus robbed him of his verse after death, as he is said to have robbed him of his bride during life. Naugerius has in his first page another variation from the Juntine, but that a perverse one: in 1 7 he reads *Adventuque tuo* and joins it with what follows. This corruption I believe to proceed from Marullus; for his hymn to the sun contains a passage evidently imitated from Lucretius: *Cum primum tepidi sub tempora verna favoni Aura suum terris genitalem exuscitat auctum: Adventuque dei gemmantia prata colorat: At pecudum genus omne viget, genus omne virorum Percorsi teneras anni dulcedine mentes.* I can shew in other cases that Marullus corrupted Lucretius, where he has not

been followed by Avancius or Candidus: vi 650—652 are quite correctly given by Avancius, and in his learned preface he says with reference to 652 *Nec tota pars cet.* ‘*totus prima brevi, quia quoti redditivus est*’. Crinitus l.l. xv 4 quotes 650 651 rightly, and adds ‘*qua in re grammaticorum nobis authoritas patrocinatur, quando et centesimus et millesimus probe dicitur: partem multesimam inquit Nonius nove positum est a Lucretio pro minima, ne quis forte paulo incautius atque audacius a veteribus decedat. quae a me vel ob eam rationem sunt adnotata, quoniam Marullus Bizantius aetate nostra, vir alioqui diligens, paulo improbus delere haec et alia pro ingenio subdere tentavit; quae ab eius quoque sectatoribus recepta sunt pro verissimis*’. Candidus gives these two verses rightly and says in note at end of Junt. ‘*citatur Nonio locus*’: he has got this clearly from Crinitus, who in the same chapter correctly quotes and illustrates i 640 *Quamde gravis cet.* which the Italian mss. and editions had corrupted: this too Candidus took from him: for Marullus appears to have read *Quam gravior Graios inter* as does Pius in his notes, and Gryphius of Lyons. Again vi 332 Avancius rightly gives *per rara viarum*, Candidus perversely after Marullus *per operta*: see his note. But fifty instances like the last might be quoted. Candidus has also missed some of the best of Marullus’ conjectures: see for instance notes 1 to 1013 where I have got from the margin of one of the Florentine mss. perhaps the most brilliant example of his critical acumen. Then again unless I greatly err I have shewn in my notes that Gifanius in preparing his edition had before him a copy of the Venice ed. of 1495, lent to him by the zealous scholar Sambucus, as he testifies both in his preface to Sambucus and in his address to the reader. In the former he says ‘*exemplum Lucretii ad nos dedisti, non illum quidem calamo exaratum, sed ita vetustum et idoneum, ut vicem optimi manuscripti fuerit, siquidem in eo vidi omnium paene mendorum origines, quae magnam partem a Michaele Marullo, cuius immutationes in eo adscriptae erant omnes, primum parta, mox admirerunt Florentini cet.*’: in the address he speaks of the ‘*Sambuci liber quem ipsius Marulli manu adnotatum magno pretio vir ille praestantissimus paravit*’. Why then Lachmann p. 6 should write ‘*neque enim facile Gifanio credere possum Marulli ipsius manu annotatum fuisse illud exemplar impressum quod se ab Iohanne Sambuco utendum accepisse scribit*’ I cannot comprehend. Gifanius was a dishonest plagiary, but at the same time a most astute man. Why should he tell a gratuitous falsehood which Sambucus would at once detect? He was writing only two generations after Marullus’ death; and even if Sambucus gave his money for what was not the handwriting of Marullus, it was at least a genuine copy of his notes. But notes 1 furnish abundant proof of what I say: see for instance those to i 806 ii 16 v 44 and especially iii 994. It appears then that Avancius got from Marullus much which the Juntine does not record, and on

the other hand, that Candidus took from Avancius without acknowledgment much that Lachmann and others assign to Marullus. Candidus, as I have said above, formed his text on a copy of the first Aldine: in doing this he must have had before him another edition with the ms. notes of Marullus, perhaps the very one which he tells us was found on him at his death. If now all that is common to the first Aldine and the Juntine comes from Marullus, as Lachmann maintains, surely Candidus must have been struck with this coincidence and would have recorded it against Avancius the editor of the great rival publisher. Yet Avancius did borrow largely, very largely from Marullus, especially in the case of interpolated verses made by the latter. How is this to be explained? Evidently even before his death Marullus' labours on Lucretius were known; and probably there were more copies than one of these, the one not always agreeing with the other. On this point compare notes 1 to 1 551—627, where Candidus makes some perverse transpositions of verses, on the authority of Marullus he says in his note at the end; but the learned annotator of one of the Laurentian mss. states that some put 551—564 after 576, and adds 'verum Marullo parum referre videtur quomodo legatur'. This annotator and Avancius Pius Candidus Gifanius can hardly all have had the same copy: perhaps all were different. Avancius then may have had his notes in the very copy of Ven. on which he formed his text; and may have looked on them as public property which he might make use of without acknowledgment according to the practice of the time; for neither Pius nor Candidus acknowledges in his turn what he got from Avancius; nor does Naugerius the editor of Ald. 2 say a syllable of Candidus whose edition he copied with few variations.

But Lachmann to III 98 cites in proof of his charge that Avancius was a dishonest plagiary three interpolated verses which doubtless were composed by Marullus and are corruptly given in Ald. 1. In notes 1 to III 98 I have attempted to shew from Gifanius that Marullus perhaps wrote *putarit*, and that Avancius intended to read the same: Avancius was probably as good a Latin scholar as Marullus, if less versed in Lucretius. In the line inserted after IV 102 *multae* for *multas* may be an error of the printer or an oversight of Avancius. In that inserted after IV 532 there can be little doubt that he purposely wrote *suis*, imagining that *oris* was a plural. The correcting of texts was then in its infancy, and Avancius had so grievous a task before him in making sense out of the monstrously corrupted Venice edition, that much must in fairness be excused: we cannot tell what were the exact relations between him and Aldus and his printers. At the end of his Catullus published two years later he has taken occasion to give four pages of Lucretian criticism, in which he has proposed many excellent alterations of his former text, though I do not find that any editor before me

has noticed these which are very important for his reputation : see notes 1 to II 422 and other passages. The inference then I draw from all this is that both Avancius and Marullus did much for Lucretius, Marullus doubtless more than Avancius ; that much which is peculiar to the Juntine is not from Marullus, and much of what Marullus did is not in the Juntine. Between them they vastly improved a grievously corrupt text ; and though they introduced many perversities, we ought in simple justice to take into consideration only what is good. In my notes for obvious reasons, when Ald. 1 and Junt. agree in a reading, I mention both ; when a reading is peculiar to Ald. 1, I assign it to Avancius by name ; when it first appears in Junt., I still say Junt., though it is always to be inferred that the best readings are most likely due to Marullus. By assigning to him all alike one would often be doing him less, sometimes more than justice.

[In my second edition however I was able to throw fresh light on the history and criticism of Lucretius' text by the undoubted corrections of Pontanus and Marullus, still existing among the books and manuscripts of Peter Victorius which have formed for centuries so valuable a portion of the Munich library. They were examined by me and copied out in the summer of 1865, my attention having been directed to them by a Goettingen program of Prof. Sauppe. The learned writer informs us that he had examined the Munich ms. of Lucretius and found it corrected throughout by some Italian scholar. Where Candidus the editor of the Juntine mentions in his note a reading of Marullus, this reading invariably appeared among these corrections. From this and other indications he concluded, and the conclusion seemed most reasonable, that these were the very corrections of Marullus which Candidus had used for his edition. He makes the probable suggestion that the long connexion of Victorius with the Giuntas would readily explain his possession of a manuscript which had belonged to that firm.

At Munich through the courtesy of the librarian I had the full use of the following important documents : 1. the manuscript just mentioned : 2. a copy of the Venice edition of 1495 with corrections by Pontanus in the handwriting of Victorius who describes them in the first page as 'emendationes ex Pontani codice testantis ipsum ingenio eas exprompsisse' : 3. another copy of the same edition likewise corrected throughout by the hand of Victorius who says at the end 'contuli cum duobus codicibus, altero Ioviani Pontani, altero vero Marulli poetae Bizantii, impressis quidem, sed ab ipsis non incuriose, ut patet, emendatis, quos commodum accepi ab Andrea Cambano patritio Florentino M.D.XX. Idibus Martiis. Petrus Victorius'. What the printed edition was from which he copied these emendations of Marullus I do not know : very likely it was this Venice edition itself which must have had a large circulation and was the very edition containing Marullus' notes which

Gifanius made use of, as has been already told. Victorius says of *grando* in v 1192 ‘*glando* in Pont. libro’: now since not only the Venice edition, but the Verona and first Aldine have *grando*, and also the Brescian as I learn from Earl Spencer’s librarian, Pontanus must have used some printed edition now unknown. The pains which so eminent a scholar as Victorius has taken in copying out twice the emendations of Pontanus and once those of Marullus would prove the high estimation in which those two learned men must have been held when he was a young man of twenty. As he has also filled a copy of the Juntine with long parallel passages from the Greek, he must himself at one time have contemplated an elaborate edition of the poet and has to be added to the long list of scholars with whom this remained an unaccomplished design.

We have then an undoubted copy of what Pontanus himself asserted to be his own original emendations; and as they are accurately repeated by Victorius in his second copy, if we subtract these we have in what remains the undoubted corrections of Marullus. Now the latter with only a few variations, easily to be accounted for as being earlier thoughts or in other ways, all reappear among the alterations of the Munich ms. which are however much more numerous. When we consider all this, and remember that wherever Candidus in his notes mentions the name of Marullus, the reading which he assigns to him is found here; that he tells us in his preface his text is grounded mainly on the revisions of Pontanus and Marullus, the latter more especially; that, as the present edition will demonstrate, the numerous readings which first appear in the Juntine, good bad and indifferent, were not taken from what we now know to be those of Pontanus, nearly always agree with the corrections of this manuscript; and finally that Candidus not unfrequently gives a new reading peculiar to this of all manuscripts known to me, as in his note to v 826 where he mentions *pariendo* as a variation, we may fairly conclude that Candidus in preparing his text had the use of this corrected manuscript, and that the corrector was Marullus. It would be natural too to conclude that this is his own copy amended by his own hand; and for the most part I do not doubt that this is so. However they cannot all have been written at the same time, as the ink differs in different places; and as so many of the emendations agree with those of Pontanus, it seems not improbable that the ms. was in his possession before it came into the hands of Marullus. As the Italian handwritings of that age resemble each other so much, at least to our eyes, the writing of the pupil may not have differed much from that of the master. However that may be, we must conclude that the corrections common to both belong to Pontanus, as he was the elder and we saw above that he claims them for his own, and the scholar would naturally borrow from the master. The emendations too of Pontanus, valuable as many of them are, have

the appearance of being earlier and more rudimentary than those of the other: he not unfrequently too sees that something is wanting and says ‘fragmentum’, where the latter supplies a whole verse with more or less success. The scholar therefore completed what the master commenced; and the emendation of Lucretius links their names together not less honourably than does the verse we quoted from Ariosto. Upon the whole this fresh information has greatly raised my estimate of both, especially of Marullus. His industry is at least as conspicuous as his sagacity: he has evidently carefully collated manuscripts and editions and gathered materials from all accessible sources. Throughout the poem the many verses omitted in the Munich manuscript are supplied with unfailing diligence. He evidently was acquainted with several of the existing Florentine manuscripts; among others that of Niccoli I believe, as well as that of his enemy Politian, and Flor. 31 whose readings Lachmann so strangely assigns to the notary Antonius Marii. Upon the whole he must be placed as an amender of Lucretius immediately after Lambinus and Lachmann, if not indeed in the same front rank, when we consider the circumstances of his age and the imperfection of his materials; and Pontanus perhaps may rank after him. Lambinus, as well as Avancius and Naugerius editor of the second Aldine, must have had access to some copy of Pontanus’ corrections.

What I said of Marullus in my first edition with much more imperfect materials from which to draw conclusions, I find now confirmed in essential points. There were in circulation different copies of Marullus’ emendations; Gifanius had access to one of these: see notes 1 to 1 274 iv 1005, as well as ii 16 125 465 iii 994 v 201 1151 vi 25: what I inferred from his own poems is borne out by ii 719 and 749 and some other passages: the assertion of Crinitus quoted above that Marullus had corrupted vi 651 652 is fully confirmed here: Marullus for the correct *multesima* most unskilfully proposes *multa extima*; and for *tota* reads *sit*: the latter Candidus adopts. In other cases his more mature judgment as seen in the Munich manuscript doubtless differed from his earlier notions. A man who studied Lucretius so long and earnestly cannot fail to have often changed his mind on further reflexion and with new sources of information. Candidus does not by any means follow Pontanus or Marullus in his orthography: that is formed as I proved in my first edition mainly on Avancius. In many cases they might have taught him better; to avoid for instance such embellishments as his *amneis*, *virenteis*. He rightly however avoids such barbarisms as the *hymbres* and *sylva* of Marullus. From *succus littus arctus* and the like, which the latter carefully introduces, we may infer that he and Pontanus had some share in bringing such corruptions into common use. The careful collation which I have given in this edition of the emendations of Pontanus and Marullus will prove their importance, and shew how rash

and unfounded Lachmann's procedure is in assigning everything that is new in the Juntine to Marullus: even in the many instances where he and I are in agreement, it must be remembered that he speaks without authority, while I possess the testimony of Marullus himself.]

The Juntine closes the first great epoch of improvement in the text of Lucretius: the second Aldine edited by the well-known scholar Andrew Naugerius and dated 'mense ianuario M.D.XV.' is for the most part a mere reprint of it without however one word of acknowledgment according to the usage of the time. Yet the changes are not few, mostly for the better, not always: two instances are given above from the first page, the one a gross corruption, the other a right rejection of an interpolation. For the next fifty years Ald. 2 appears to have been the model edition. Gryphius of Lyons published several texts, three of which I have before me: they generally follow Naugerius, but not always, often recurring to Avancius. Those of 1534 and 1540 have many marginal readings, most of them taken from Avancius or the notes of Pius, a few from sources not known to me: see notes 1 to 1977 *officiatque*. Yet even these two editions do not always agree with each other.

Little advance however was made on the Juntine before Dionysius Lambinus. He dates his address to Charles IX 1 November 1563 and afterwards speaks of his first edition as published in that year; though the title-page of my copy has 1564. Lambinus was among the most illustrious of the great Latin scholars who studied and taught at Paris in the sixteenth century. His knowledge of Cicero and the older Latin writers as well as the Augustan poets has never been surpassed and rarely equalled. Whoever doubts that the nicest critical and grammatical questions can be expressed in Ciceronian Latin without effort or affectation, let him study the commentaries of Lambinus. Scaliger says of him 'Latine et Romane loquebatur optimeque scribebat': his ease and readiness are astonishing. He made use he tells us of five mss.: four of these appear to have been Italian mss. of the fifteenth century: the fifth, of which he used a collation by Turnebus, and which he calls the Bertinian, was the same as the Leyden quarto. In his preface and throughout the work he acknowledges his obligations to Turnebus and Auratus. His Lucretius is perhaps the greatest of his works: there was more to be done here, and therefore he has done more. He had moreover a peculiar admiration for this author, of whom in the preface to his third edition he says 'omnium poetarum Latinorum qui hodie exstant et qui ad nostram aetatem pervenerunt elegantissimus et purissimus, idemque gravissimus atque ornatissimus Lucretius est'. If his boast that he has restored the text in 800 places goes beyond the truth, though I am not sure that it does, yet the superiority of his over all preceding texts can scarcely be exaggerated; for the quickness of his intellect united with his exquisite knowledge of the language gave him great power in

the field of conjecture, and for nearly three centuries his remained the standard text. Lachmann says he did much less than Marullus. But so far as there is truth in this, it is merely saying that the one lived before the other: nine tenths of what Marullus effected, Lambinus could have done *currente calamo*; but I doubt whether Marullus could have accomplished one tenth of what Lambinus succeeded in doing. Lachmann accuses him of strange levity and rashness. But it must be remembered that in a short life he got through an amazing amount of work in conformity with the wants of his age. He only gave two years and a half to his brilliant edition of the whole of Cicero: and probably did not spend many more months on his *Lucretius* than Lachmann spent years. Nor was it possible in that age even for a Lambinus to apprehend the true relation of the mss. of *Lucretius* to one another. His copious explanatory and illustrative commentary however calls for unqualified eulogy, and has remained down to the present day the great original storehouse, from which all have borrowed who have done anything of value for the elucidation of their author. Scaliger says ‘Lambinus avoit fort peu de livres’: if so he made good use of them, as his reading is as vast as it is accurate, and its results are given in a style of unsurpassed clearness and beauty. His notes observe the mean between too much and too little: he himself calls them brief, while his thankless countrymen, thinking however more perhaps of his *Horace* than his *Lucretius*, have made *lambin* and *lambiner* classical terms to express what is diffuse and tedious. A second and much smaller edition with only a few pages of notes, but with many variations from the first, was published in 1565.

Scarcely could this first edition have issued from the press, when the well-known scholar and jurisconsult Obertus Gifanius of Buren began with systematical and unprincipled cunning to pillage it and convert it to his own purposes. His *Lucretius* was printed by Plantin of Antwerp in 1566 as stated at the end, though of two copies before me the title-page of one has on it 1566, the other 1565, which is the date of his own address to Sambucus, and of the two privilegia at the end; for the March 1564 of the first must be old style, as it is later than the February 1565 of the second. He brought nothing new to his task, except the ms. notes of Marullus in the old Venice ed. fully spoken of above; for the emendations and readings of Antonius Goldingamus homo Anglus, which he speaks of in his preface, and the *veteres libri* and the like which occur throughout his book are mere blinds to conceal his thefts from Lambinus. The way in which he contrives at once to bestow empty praise on this scholar and yet to extenuate his merits and put him as a commentator of *Lucretius* on the same level with other learned men, Turnebus for instance, is a marvel of astuteness. In the preface to his third ed. Lambinus states the truth with great terseness: ‘omnia

fere quae in eo Lucretio recta sunt, mea sunt ; quae tamen iste aut silentio praetermittit aut maligne laudat aut sibi impudenter arrogat'. Yet so great was the skill with which all this was done that he deceived many and was thought to be a rival worthy of Lambinus. Contrary to what many believe, the age loved brief notes ; and his were brief, the other's copious. Even the great critic of that generation Joseph Scaliger, who well knew the character of the man and accused him of gross deceit towards himself, says 'Gifanius estoit docte, son Lucrèce est très-bon'. Lambinus however knew the truth, and his wrath was as signal as the provocation. In 1570 he brought out a third edition greatly improved and enlarged; much of the additional matter however consists in invectives against the aggressor. In a long preface of great power and beauty of style he states his wrongs. There and throughout his commentary the whole Latin language, rich in that department, is ransacked for terms of scorn and contumely. The same charges are repeated in a hundred different shapes with curious copiousness and variety of expression. Gifanius with consistent cunning attempted no public reply to all this. Many years afterwards, when Lambinus had long been dead, a new edition of the other's book was brought out at Leyden in 1595, in which many additions are made to the brief notes, but not a word is said of the charges brought against him by Lambinus. He was rewarded for his reticence, and for a century or more opinion was divided as to whether he or Lambinus did more for Lucretius. In private he corresponded with the cankered and unhappy Muretus : the two exchanged futile charges of dishonesty against the dead critic, who was far too genuine a scholar to be capable of being a plagiary. Lachmann so stern with Avancius has nothing to say of this much more flagitious case: 'qui quo iure' he observes 'aut Lambinum aut alios compilasse dictus esset non quaesivi'. Gifanius had no business whatever to edit a poet : he was without poetical taste and grossly ignorant of metre.

For a century after Lambinus nothing was done for Lucretius : the common editions followed either Lambinus or Gifanius. In 1658 the singular labours of Gassendi were given to the world. Deeply versed in the works of the fathers and the philosophy of all ages down to the latest discoveries of Descartes he devoted himself with the zeal of a disciple to the dogmas of Epicurus. The two first of his huge folios are given to this philosophy, and a large portion of them to the exposition of Lucretius. Much that is curious may be gathered from them, and I have perused them with attention ; but to say the truth I have not found much to my purpose in them. The author was utterly devoid of the critical faculty, and all that is of value in him on this head is borrowed from Lambinus ; as well as the most useful of his illustrations: his corrections of the text are almost without exception worthless. In the 17th century several distinguished scholars, Salmasius J. F. Gronovius Nic.

Heinsius Isaac Vossius, turned their attention to Lucretius ; but their labours were only desultory. Of the ms. notes by the two last which are in my possession I will speak afterwards. In 1662 Tanaquillus Faber or Tanneguy Lefebvre published at Saumur a text of Lucretius followed by *emendationes* and *notulae*. He was a clever but vain man, who seemed to think such work rather beneath him ; he takes care however to inform his readers that he spent but little time or pains on it, and had only Lambinus and Gifanius before him, though he owed nothing to either. The truth is that without Lambinus he could not have advanced a step : clever man that he is, he affords a good proof how much Latin scholarship had deteriorated in France during the century between him and Lambinus. Of Pareus, Nardius, Fayus nothing need be said.

Had Bentley in 1689 or 1690 succeeded in his efforts to obtain for the Bodleian Isaac Vossius' famous library, he might have anticipated what Lachmann did by a century and a half. As he was at that very time working hard at Lucretius, if he had once got into his hands the two mss. now at Leyden, he would at a glance have seen their importance and would scarcely have failed to complete the edition which he was then meditating. The great knowledge of Epicurus' system which he displayed two years later in his Boyle lectures and his zeal for the recently published Principia of Newton would have aided him in expounding the tenets of the poet. This however was not to be ; but his marginal notes published in the Glasgow edition of Wakefield prove what he could have done, if he had gone on with his design. I cannot doubt that Lucretius would have suited him better than Horace, and offered a fairer field for the exercise of his critical divination.

In 1695 there came from the Oxford press a Lucretius edited not by Bentley, but by Thomas Creech Fellow of All Souls, a man of sound sense and good taste, but to judge from his book of somewhat arrogant and supercilious temper. The text is nearly always a reproduction of one or other of the editions of Lambinus : such criticism indeed he seems in his preface to look upon as unworthy of him. His notes are in most cases mere abridgements of those of Lambinus or copied from Faber, and his illustrations are usually borrowed from the former. All this he does as if it were a matter of course, not thinking it necessary either to avow or conceal his obligations. His *interpretatio* is his own : how far it is of assistance to a student must depend upon what he seeks for in it. His Lucretius however owing to the clearness and brevity of the notes has continued to be the popular one from that time to the present.

The worthy London bookseller Jacob Tonson published in 1712 a finely printed text with various readings at the end collected from many quarters with a great deal of trouble, some of value, most quite worthless. This I chiefly mention on account of what follows. In 1725 Siegebert Havercamp Professor at Leyden gave to the world his variorum

edition in two large volumes. Though his reputation has never been great, my readers will hardly perhaps be prepared for what I am going to say. As Professor in Leyden he had the full use of the two Vossian mss. there, the main foundation of a genuine text: how did he use this advantage, which in profession he makes so much of? The chief feature of his edition is a vast and cumbrous apparatus of various readings, derived from about thirty-one sources professedly distinct. Of these thirty-one twenty-two are simply the various readings of the London edition just mentioned which Havercamp has taken and tumbled into his own without changing the notation. Most of these are of the most futile nature, taken from worthless editions which reprint or ignorantly depart from those of Giunta, Aldus, Lambinus or Gifanius, such as that of Pareus, Gryphius, Fayus, Nardius and the French translator the Baron de Coutures: the more worthless the authority, the more fully it seems to be given. There are also some collations of the mss. of Vossius and that in the Bodleian which it did the London bookseller credit to get together. The nine remaining authorities are these: a certain Basil edition of 1531, its marginal readings, a collation of the Verona edition of 1486, also jottings in its margin from three unknown mss., a second collation of the Bodleian, and lastly the two all-important Leyden mss. The two last are the only authorities he has collated himself. How has he performed this task? he has not noted one reading in three; the most important variations he usually omits; and the readings he gives are as often wrong as right. That which he has borrowed from others and thrown in a lump into his edition is for the most part as worthless as the scribblings of a schoolboy. So incredibly careless is he, that the Vossian collations which he borrows from Tonson are or should be those of his Leyden mss.: see note 1 to v 471 for a glaring instance of a false reading which he slavishly copies from Tonson and ascribes to his Leyden quarto. Nay more the Bm of the London edition and his own X are one and the same Bodleian ms. so that we have this ludicrous result, that the same ms. is cited twice over as two independent authorities. His various readings are therefore not only cumbrosely inane, but are a snare and delusion, and have led astray those who like Wakefield have trusted to them. Thus in his hands the two unrivalled Leyden mss. have been worse than useless. What he does himself is always worse done than what he borrows from others, poor as that generally is: he has collated none of the old editions except the Verona, and that was done for him, and better done than he would have done it for himself. Nor are his explanatory notes much better: he has heaped together in a crude mass those of the chief editors; but except in the case of Virgil and Horace and one or two others of the best known poets, indexes to which are in everybody's hands, he has not even supplied the references to Lambinus' learned notes who from the circum-

stances of his age could not himself furnish them ; nay in one case he has given Lambinus' own words as those of Cicero. In his two bulky volumes there is not one week's genuine work beyond what scissors and paste could do : seldom has performance fallen so far short of profession and opportunity.

There is nothing to detain us between Havercamp and Wakefield who in 1796 and 1797 gave his three volumes to the world, rivalling the other's in magnitude. Yet the work, such as it is, is his own, and is not a mere slothful compilation from others. Gilbert Wakefield possessed one quality which a critic can ill dispense with, that of despising any amount of authority which did not rest on some real foundation, and refusing to admit that, because a reading had appeared in edition after edition for centuries, it might by that alone claim recognition. He therefore set about a new revision which was to be based on manuscript authority alone ; but neither his knowledge nor his industry nor his ability nor his taste sufficed for such a work. He professed to collate five English mss., among them our Cambridge one, and most of the old editions. This task he executed with incredible carelessness. As he had the full use of the Cambridge ms., one might have expected that his collation of it would be done with some care ; but it is quite untrustworthy. From this as well as the evidence of his own notes and the nature of the case I infer that his other collations are not more to be depended upon. Had this labour been faithfully performed, it would still have been of little use, as he had no notion of the true relation of these late mss. to one another. He looked on each as an independent authority and thought he could not do wrong, if the words he put in his text were found in one or other of them. Then he had to take from Havercamp the readings of the Leyden mss., and therefore could gain no true insight into their character. As he had no knowledge of the language or philosophy of his author, he undertook to explain whatever words he put into his text in long turgid notes of unmeaning verbiage. His work was got through with a strange precipitancy : when engaged on the first part, he had never read the other parts of the poem ; when he came to them, he had forgotten what went before. Morbidly vain and utterly unconscious of the immeasurable distance between Lambinus and himself, he assails the most brilliant and certain emendations of the unrivalled scholar in a hideous jargon and with a vehemence of abuse that would be too great even for his own errors. Thus by some fatality or other, by its falling into the hands of a Gifanius Havercamp Wakefield instead of those of a Salmasius Gronovius Hein-sius Bentley, the criticism of Lucretius remained for centuries where it had been left by Lambinus, nay even retrograded. And yet Wakefield did display occasional flashes of native genius, and our notes will shew that not a few certain corrections are due to him ; but from the first to

the last of his 1200 quarto pages there is not a single explanation of the words or philosophy of his author for which a schoolboy would thank him : so incurably inaccurate and illogical was his mind. Yet owing to the boldness with which he asserted his pretensions he was thought even by scholars to have done something great for his author : he received complimentary letters from Heyne and Jacobs, ‘hominibus modestis et ab omni iudicii subtilitate abhorrentibus’; and more than thirty years afterwards Forbiger in preparing his compilation for the use of the general public took him for his supreme authority. Even later than that so great a scholar as Ph. Wagner often appeals to him in his notes to Virgil. But though long in coming the avenger was to be.

Already in 1832 Madvig in a short academical program, afterwards republished among his opuscula, exposed the futility of Wakefield’s criticism and gave some intimations of the right course to pursue. Stimulated by his example more than one scholar followed up the attack. The most important contribution of this kind was made by Jacob Bernays in an article printed in the Rhenish Museum of 1847. This able paper would have produced a greater effect than it did, if it had not been so soon superseded by Lachmann’s more complete and systematical work. This illustrious scholar great in so many departments of philology, sacred, classical and Teutonic, seems to have looked upon Latin poetry as his peculiar province. Lucretius his greatest work was the main occupation of the last five years of his life, from the autumn of 1845 to November 1850. Fortunately he had the full use for many months of the two Leyden mss. His native sagacity, guided and sharpened by long and varied experience, saw at a glance their relations to each other and to the original from which they were derived, and made clear the arbitrary way in which the common texts had been constructed. His zeal warming as he advanced, one truth after another revealed itself to him, so that at length he obtained by successive steps a clear insight into the condition in which the poem left the hands of its author in the most essential points. Like many other great scholars he seems to have kept few or no common-place books. Resolved to master his subject he perused the grammarians and poets and nearly the whole of the older writers in order to illustrate Lucretius through them and them by Lucretius, and the Latin language by all. He had an almost unequalled power of grasping a subject in its widest extent and filling up the minutest details. One mark of a great original critic, which eminently belongs to Lachmann, is this: even when wrong, he puts into your hands the best weapons for refuting himself, and by going astray makes the right path easier for others to find. Another test is this, when his influence extends far beyond his immediate author. Now hardly any work of merit has appeared in Germany since Lachmann’s *Lucretius* in any branch of Latin literature without bearing on every page the impress

of his example. When he is better known in England, the same result will follow here. Though his Latin style is eminently clear lively and appropriate, yet from his aim never to throw away words, as well as from a mental peculiarity of his, that he only cared to be understood by those whom he thought worthy to understand him, he is often obscure and oracular on a first reading. Had his commentary been twice the length it is, it would have been easier to master. But when once fully apprehended his words are not soon forgotten. His love for merit of all kinds incites in him a zeal to do justice to all the old scholars who have done anything for his author; while his scorn and hatred of boastful ignorance and ignoble sloth compel him to denounce those whom he convicts of these offences. In one instance, that of Forbiger, this sternness passes into ferocity: most of his errors that scholar could hardly avoid in the circumstances in which he was placed.

Hermann warns us, when we disagree with Lachmann, to think twice lest we, not he, be in fault. His defects however must not be passed over. While the most essential part of his work, the collation of the two Leyden mss., has been performed with admirable skill and industry, he has not been so happy in the use of secondary evidence, that of the Italian mss. and the older editions. Much he has taken on trust on insufficient evidence, and much that he had before him he has not always accurately used. Some proofs of this have been given, more will be seen below. But a still more serious defect must be told: he meant his book to be a critical revision of the text, and left to others the task of explaining and illustrating the meaning. So far good: but as the text of an author in the condition of that of Lucretius cannot be always rightly constructed without a sufficient knowledge of his system and its literature, he has not unfrequently strangely blundered and grossly corrupted the poet's words: for examples of this see i 599—634 ii 522—529 1010 foll. v 513—516. His consummate knowledge of the Latin language as well as of the manner of Lucretius in particular enables him often to amend his author with great success. As he wishes too to produce, where it is possible, an intelligible text, many of his corrections he must himself have looked upon as only provisional. Yet his greatest admirers must concede that he has not Madvig's 'curiosa felicitas' in emendation. He has however achieved a work which will be a landmark for scholars as long as the Latin language continues to be studied, a work, *perfidiae quod post nulla arguet aetas*.

Jacob Bernays in 1852 edited a text of Lucretius for the Teubner series. There can be little doubt that carried away by the strength of his admiration for Lachmann he has followed him too faithfully; yet he not unfrequently differs from him. Where he recalls the old reading he is generally right; where he deserts him for a conjecture of his own, he is often very successful. Had he prepared a more elaborate edition, as

he appears to have once had thoughts of doing, there is no doubt that Lucretius would have owed him much. The impulse given by Lachmann to the study of our poet has called forth numerous papers either inserted in the German philological reviews or published by themselves. Some are of more, some of less importance: my notes will shew where I have been indebted to them. One English publication of eminent merit, as it criticises not the text of the poem, but its matter and poetical beauties, shall be mentioned elsewhere.

To return now to the manuscripts whose history was sketched above. Though I examined the two at Leyden for some days so long ago as the autumn of 1849, what will now be said of them is borrowed from Lachmann who had them in his hands for six months and during that time applied the whole force of his practised and penetrating intellect to unravelling all their difficulties and obscurities. Both, as already mentioned, belonged to the magnificent collection of Isaac Vossius. The older and better of the two is of the ninth century written in a clear and beautiful hand: I call it A. It has been corrected by two scribes at the time that the ms. was written, as Lachmann tells us. One of these is of great importance: in most essential points he agrees minutely with the ms. of Niccoli, the oldest of the Italian mss.; and doubtless therefore gives the reading of the archetype. It will be seen in notes 1 how often I make the united testimony of A and Niccoli to outweigh all the rest. The other Leyden ms. which I call B is of nearly equal importance: it is of quarto size closely written in double columns, apparently in the tenth century. It is probable that it and the ms. next to be mentioned were copied from some copy of the archetype, not like A from the archetype itself. Four portions of the poem are omitted in their place, but come together at the end in this order, II 757—806 v 928—979 i 734—785 II 253—304. Lachmann has demonstrated that these sections formed each an entire leaf of the lost archetype: 16 29 39 115 are the numbers of these leaves. It is manifest then that after A was copied, these leaves of the archetype had fallen out of their places and been put together without order at the end, before B, or the original of B, was copied from it. More will be said on this point presently. B has had several correctors, but all of the 15th century; one a very brilliant critic for his age, to whom are due many of the finest emendations in the poem, as will be seen in notes 1. This ms. was once in the great monastery of St Bertin near St Omer. Turnebus collated it in Paris and his collation as we saw was used with much effect by Lambinus: it afterwards came into the possession of Gerard John Vossius, Isaac's father. A large fragment of another ms. closely resembling B in everything double columns and all, except that it is said to be a small folio, not quarto in shape, is now at Copenhagen: it contains book i and ii down to 456, omitting however the same sections as B, viz. i 734—785 and ii 253—

304, and doubtless for the same reasons, because copied from the same ms. from which B was taken. It usually goes by the name of the Gottorpian fragment from the place where it once was. I have three collations of it, one published by Henrichsen in 1846, another in the handwriting of Nic. Heinsius, another in that of Isaac Vossius. Formerly it had a very high reputation: in truth it much resembles, but is more carelessly written than B, and is seldom of much use, except once or twice to confirm A against B. Strangely enough there are in the Vienna library fragments of a precisely similar ms. containing large portions of the later books, viz. II 642 to III 621 inclusive, omitting however in the proper place II 757—806 exactly as B does; then VI 743 to the end; then follow, precisely as in B, the four omitted portions given above, proving this to be copied from the ms. from which B was taken. Naturally enough these Vienna fragments were assumed to belong to one and the same ms. as the Gottorpian; but Dr Ed. Goebel, from whom I have borrowed this description of them, seems to prove in the Rhenish Mus. n. s. XII p. 449 foll. that the two portions now bound together are of different sizes and belonged to different mss. However that may be, the former part seems to be the same ms. as the Gottorpian, and the other if not the same, is precisely the same in internal character; and in either case is of the same, that is of very little value. Probably therefore a more accurate collation would hardly repay the labour.

All other mss. known to exist were, as has been already said, copied mediately or immediately from Poggio's lost ms. which must have resembled A almost as closely as the Gottorpian resembles B. The most important are among the eight preserved at Florence in the Laurentian library, numbered 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 of desk xxxv. 30 was written by Niccolò Niccoli himself, who had Poggio's ms. so long in his possession: this we are told in the learned Mehus' preface to his life of Traversarius p. l. As he studied so many of Niccoli's manuscript letters, he must have known his writing better than anybody else. There are many corrections in a much later hand, but Niccoli himself seems on the whole to have copied Poggio's ms. faithfully, and not to have made many changes. His ms. therefore, as will be seen in notes 1, is of great value in deciding between A and B. It is unfortunate that Lachmann could make no use of it: I collated it with some care in the summer of 1851: the old Verona and Venice editions have a text closely resembling Niccoli's. 31 is next in importance to 30, but of a widely different character, having a text much more corrected than Niccoli's or even Ver. and Ven. It is clearly written and in excellent preservation, and much resembles in general character the manuscript in our public library which I had open before me all the time I was composing notes 1, and which is as well preserved and as distinctly written as the other. It excels the Cambridge on the whole, though the latter has many good corrections not in

the other. These two therefore I have used as good examples of corrected codices. From whom come the many excellent emendations contained in these mss. is quite unknown. Lachmann used a not very complete collation of Flor. 31, and to it he attributes the corrections which it has for the most part in common with the Cambridge and doubtless some other mss. Having been told too by H. Keil from whom he got the collation that it was written by Antonius Marii filius, he fills his commentary from one end to the other with the name of this worthy Florentine notary. I can only say that I compared it with ten or more voluminous mss. written in magnificent style and signed by this man between 1420 and 1451 all closely resembling each other; and neither in general appearance nor in the form of particular letters nor in their abbreviations have they any resemblance to the ms. of Lucretius. This scribe's name therefore I have excluded from my notes. Of the other Laurentian mss. 29 is to be noticed for the marginal annotations of Angelo Politian spoken of above and often referred to in notes 1: it twice over has this note 'liber conventus Sancti Marci de Florentia ordinis Praedicatorum habitus a publicis sectoribus pro libris quos sibi ab eodem conventu commodatos Angelus Politianus amisit seu qui in morte Angeli Politiani amissi sunt'. 32 has some learned marginal remarks on the first book from which I have derived some facts about Marullus. The six mss. of the Vatican I collated as long ago as the autumn of 1849, but not with much care or skill; yet it will be seen from notes 1 that they have been of considerable service to me: their marks are as follows, 3275 and 3276 Vatic. 640 Urbin. 1136 and 1954 Othobon. and 1706 Regin., at the bottom of the first page of which are the words 'Nicolai Heinsii'.

As further helps I have had Gifanius' ed. of 1595 with ms. notes by Nic. Heinsius which I bought from H. G. Bohn many years ago: it will be seen that I have derived from it some valuable emendations not in Heinsius' adversaria nor elsewhere so far as I know. It has also a complete collation of A all through, of B in the first four books, and of the Gotorpian fragment. It contains too a complete collation of the codex Modii, which Heinsius denotes by *s*: he says of it 'variantes lectiones excerptae sunt ex libello edito Paris. an. 1565 quem Fr. Modius cum ms. suo contulit, ut ipse testatur fine lib. i inquiens: *Collatus cum ms. meo 26 Junii 1579 Coloniae*': it was lent to Heinsius by Liraeus; Liraeus had it from Gruter, Gruter from Nansius, Nansius from Modius himself. Heinsius says 'codex Modii non est idem cum B Vossiano, nam pag. 8 [i 227] ubi ex Modiano notatum *ad lumina*, Vossianus *in*'. Heinsius speaks I presume of the small 2nd ed. of Lambinus, as the one which Modius used: it has like others *in lumina*: if then Modius' codex is B, either he or Heinsius has made a gross mistake. I have noticed several other instances, where *s* is made to differ from B; but in these cases Lambinus' 2nd ed. has the reading which Heinsius gives to *s*, so that

Heinsius may have here been misled by Modius' negligence. It would seem certainly that *s* and *B* are the same: if they are two, then their agreement is very extraordinary, much closer than that between *B* and the Götterian fragment.

I also possess a copy of Faber's *Lucretius* with a poor collation of *A* and *B* and the Götterian, as well as many other notes and illustrations in the writing of Isaac Vossius. Havercamp had a copy of the same notes, but has employed them with his usual carelessness. Notes I will shew what important use I have made of them: they have enabled me to strip him of several of the most showy feathers with which he had decked himself either from negligence or worse. Spengel, Christ, Goebel and some others have in various journals and publications made much ado about a codex Victorianus as they call it, once belonging to P. Victorius, now in the Munich library, as if it were a rival, or nearly so, of *A* and *B*. From the readings cited I see clearly that it is a common Italian fifteenth century ms. neither better nor worse than twenty others, much resembling the Verona and Venice editions and of no importance whatever. [As the reader has been already told, I examined this manuscript myself at Munich during the summer of 1865 and can confidently affirm that what I said of it is the truth. It is much interpolated: its corrections are not so valuable as those of Flor. 31 or I think of our Cambridge manuscript. I have recorded some of its readings in my critical notes under the term 'Mon.', and have occasionally spoken of it as the codex Victorii. Strange that learned men should have taken so much trouble about its own readings and said not a word of the much more important emendations of Marullus which it contains. This is not the case with Prof. Sauppe in the program spoken of above; but I cannot help citing from its first page a few lines which I read with no slight surprise: 'unum addo, quod ab aliis nondum quod sciam animadversum conjecturam de victoriani codicis origine propositam valde confirmet. Post l. 3 enim v. 360 versus novem scripti sunt, quos delendos esse homo quidam doctissimus in margine monuit, qui versus 403—411 per errorem hic illatos esse vidisset. ratione autem subducta inter v. 360 et 403 versus bis vicenos senos interpositos esse invenimus, ut facile intelligamus in singulis archetypi paginis versus vicenos senos scriptos fuisse eiusque interscribendum cum unum vellet scriptorem victoriani duo folia vertisse. in archetypo vero oblongi C. Lachmannus ostendit p. 3. 49. 233. aliis locis eandem versuum rationem fuisse'. Probably before this time the learned writer will have discovered that his arithmetic is at fault and that he has counted forty-two as fifty-two; and that his theory is thus entirely upset. But it is not for such a trifile as that, that I have quoted his words. Does he really mean to assert that this Munich is not like every other fifteenth century ms. a descendant of the one brought into Italy by Poggio? that the long lost archetype was preserved by some mysterious

intervention for the special use of the copyist of this codex? Again I would ask whether he looks upon the laborious and sagacious calculations, by which Lachmann demonstrated the number of pages in the lost archetype and the number of verses in each page, as a mere plaything thus to be trifled with; and not rather as a key to unlock many secrets of criticism and not to be understood even without some slight effort of mind. I beg to tell him that the number of lines in the archetype between III 360 and 403 was not either 52 or 42, but 44; that is to say 42 verses of the poem + two headings: and that III 360 did not commence, nor III 402 terminate a leaf; but that III 360 was the fifth line of page 108 of the archetype, and III 402 was the fourth line from the bottom of page 109. Further study too will perhaps make him regret that he has put the unfortunate paragraphs between I 503 and 634 to a fresh torture, and permit him to see that in no part of the poem is the argument or text in a sounder state.—But even while revising the 2nd ed. for the press I found in a recent program by Th. Bergk, with the name of Ed. Heine on the title-page, a fresh attempt to magnify this much vexed Victorian codex: in p. xiv it is said that it ‘solus iusto ordine exhibet libro iv locum antiquitus archetypi schedae paginis inversis perturbatum: nam post v. 298 *Atque ea continuo sequuntur v. 323 Servet.* ...347 *Ac resilire, tum v. 299 Splendida...322 Quae sita sunt,* denique v. 348 *Quod contra.* hoc igitur insigne est virtutis documentum, atque possit aliquis inde colligere librum Poggianum ex archetypo descriptum esse, antequam illae paginae inversae sunt’ etc. Is it not strange that so definite an assertion should be printed, when in truth this manuscript has the verses in just the same inverted order, in which they are given by the Leyden and all other known mss.? Nay more the corrector (Marullus without doubt) arranges the disordered lines, whether after Politian or not, exactly as Candidus does in the Juntine, who beyond any question adopted his arrangement from this manuscript. And yet the main purpose of the program spoken of is to prove Marullus not to be the corrector of this Victorian codex, and to prove it from this very passage!] It will be seen that by the materials which I have collected and just described I have in many important cases got nearer than has been done before to the readings of Poggio’s ms. which was a worthy rival of the Leyden two.

But Lachmann’s long experience and disciplined acuteness have enabled him to go beyond existing mss. and to tell us much of the lost archetype, as I call it after him, of all existing mss. Notes I will shew that many difficulties are cleared up by this knowledge. This archetype then, though it is not certain that even A was immediately taken from it, was written in thin capitals, like the medicean of Virgil; the words were not separated, but in the middle of verses points were put at the end of clauses. Ancient mss. as a rule keep with singular care to the

same number of lines in a page: ours had 26 lines in a page, excepting only those which concluded a book. But remember there was a heading or title at the beginning of each section; and each of these headings occupied a line. Lachmann brings many proofs of this being the number. When this ms. was copied, it was clearly much torn and mutilated. It was stated above that four portions, omitted in their place by B, come together at the end, and that these each formed a leaf of the archetype which had fallen out of its proper place. Each of these alone or with its headings consists of 52 lines. Then turn to note 1 on iv 299—347 (323—347 299—322) where this inversion is explained in the same way, by the accident that is of a loose leaf being turned the wrong way: see also note 1 to i 1068—1075 and 1094—1101, where the mutilation is accounted for in the same manner. Thus we obtain six certain landmarks in different parts of the poem. The archetype therefore consisted of 300 pages, or admitting, as seems to be an undoubted fact, that a whole leaf is lost between vi 839 and 840, of 302; of which the first was not written upon, as well as one for some reason or other somewhere between i 785, which ends one of the loose leaves at the end of B, and 1068 which, as shewn in note 1, begins a fresh leaf. Page 190 which followed the end of iv was left blank. I may also note that pp. 137 and 191 contained an index of the headings of iv and v respectively, while the headings of vi are crowded into the lower part of p. 249, the upper part of which contained the last 13 lines of the text of v: see Lach. p. 398: although the different titles come in their places in these books too, as well as in the first three which have no such index prefixed. Having made for myself a list of these pages after the rules stated in various places by Lachmann, I have found it of great use; as the ends of lines throughout the poem towards the bottom of the several right-hand pages had been specially exposed to mutilation in the damaged archetype. Verses also omitted in their proper places were apt in this as in other mss. to be put afterwards at the bottom of pages. Besides the injuries which it had received from accident or ill usage, our archetype must have been carelessly enough written, though A and B prove that it retained many valuable vestiges of great antiquity, especially in the spelling of words, and though there may have been few stages between it and the age of the author. There is one point, the nature of the hiatus after iv 126, as to which it is not easy to accept Lachmann's theory. That there is a hiatus there, is indisputable and the special questions connected with it are fully discussed in note 1 to that passage. As the accidental loss of a whole leaf would not suit his system of pages, he boldly declares that twenty-five verses and one heading have perished, that is one single page of our archetype. Now it is easy enough, as we have seen, to explain the accidental loss of a leaf, by which every subsequent copy must necessarily want the contents of that leaf: it is easy

enough to conceive any one ms., A or B or Poggio's, passing over by mistake one whole page. But it is in the highest degree unlikely that different copies, A B and Poggio's, neither of which as Lachmann admits was copied from the other, should all pass over a single page of their original; or that this single page should be wholly illegible, while that which preceded and the reverse page of the same leaf should be entirely uninjured. It seems to me therefore much more natural to assume that our archetype or one of its predecessors accidentally omitted an uncertain number of verses; or rather that a whole leaf of the archetype had been lost, as after vi 839. Lachmann's system of pagination would then be set right in this way: only books iv and v have an *index capitum* prefixed filling one page; for that of vi as I have said is crammed into the lower part of the last page of v: before this index in v Lachmann has shewn that the archetype had one blank page. Assume now that one page was similarly left blank before the index of iv and all will be right: the pages of the archetype would then be raised to 304. The *index capitum* prefixed to vi I accidentally omitted to notice in former editions, as it had no bearing on the question of pages. The assumption here made which is commended by Mr Polle, but blamed by Mr Susemihl in philolog. xxix p. 427 foll., I still think probable. The latter asks what conceivable reason there could have been for the two blank pages before v, except to begin the new book with a new leaf, as was done with all the rest. Why, i which had no index prefixed began on the second page of a leaf; so did iii, which had no such index; so did vi whose index is crowded together in the manner spoken of. Other mss. such as the medicean of Virgil, seem to have no preference for beginning a book on a new leaf. Why the two pages were left for the index between iv and v I do not know, any more than why a page was left vacant somewhere between i 785 and 1068: it had something to do perhaps with calculations about the parchment required. I was going to say more, but forbear to enlarge on so fruitless a topic.

But we are able to advance even beyond the archetype: in many parts of the poem there are manifest undoubted interpolations, which must have been inserted by some reader who wished at one time to confirm what is said, at another to convict it of inconsistency and the like. Generally, not always, these passages are repetitions of genuine passages; sometimes they consist of several, sometimes of a single verse: i 44—49 and iii 806—818 are good and incontrovertible examples. But enough is said of these throughout our notes. Lachmann however still unsatisfied has not paused even here, but has gone up to the very times of the poet. No careful reader will refuse to admit that he has proved not a few passages, some of them among the finest in the poem, to have been subsequent additions made by the author, which he did not live to embody properly with the rest of his work. Lachmann has gone too far;

and unless I err, I have shewn that not a few sections thus marked by him are properly connected with what precedes and follows. Yet it is certain that his theory applies to II 165—183, and more than one long paragraph of IV v and vi. It has been shewn sufficiently in the notes to these passages that the most important of them have a close connexion in matter and manner with each other. Like Lachmann, I have marked them off by [ ]. All through the poem many single verses and passages of some length are designedly repeated by the poet, some of them again and again. It is probable that he would have removed many of them, if he had lived to revise his work: the exordium of IV for instance could hardly have been left.

Some readers may be surprised at the number of verses which have been transposed in the poem; but they should remember that every ancient writing which depends finally on one ms. is in a similar plight. When a scribe omitted by accident a verse, in order not to spoil the look of his book, he wrote it at once after the next verse, if he immediately discovered his error; if not, he omitted it altogether, or added it in some other place, often at the bottom of a page; he would then affix an *a*, *b* to mark the right order; the next scribe would not notice or would purposely omit these and so on: see Bentl. to Hor. ars 46. Every one of these errors has been committed again and again by the copyists of our poem. Most of these transpositions are certain and were made long ago by Lambinus Marullus Avancius and others; many were first made by Lachmann. Some of these I have not followed: not a few I have first ventured on myself. But connected with this question I must draw attention to one point which seems of importance. You would expect as a rule single verses to be thus transposed; and this is the case in Lucretius' mss. as in those of other writers: sometimes too one or more verses are repeated after the misplaced verse, which ought to follow it in its proper place, as if to shew the reader whither it ought to be transferred: comp. IV 991 i.e. 999 of the mss. followed in them by 1000—1003, which are only the vss. which follow it in its right place repeated after it in its wrong place: see also V 570 (573) and what comes after. But besides such usual instances of transposition there are throughout the poem many small groups of verses, forming generally sentences complete in themselves, which have got quite out of their right place: comp. I 984—987 (998—1001), II 652—657 (655—659 680) and IV 1227 1228 (1225 1226), three passages first transposed by me; also II 1139—1142, 1168—1170, III 686—690, IV 50—52, V 174 175, 1127 1128. Now that a scribe should so often transpose several consecutive verses always forming an entire and independent sentence by mere casual carelessness, is to me in the highest degree improbable. Again most of these passages read to me like possible additions not necessary to the context, though they improve it. I believe them then to be marginal additions by the

poet, inserted on the same principle as the longer sections discussed above: these too the first editor, faithfully preserving everything in his copy, but not caring always to find the right place for what the author left ambiguous, has inserted out of their order. Add to these v 437—442 which the context could dispense with: these vss. are found out of place in Macrobius as in our mss. This increases the probability that they were out of their proper order from the first, two apparently independent authorities Macrobius and our archetype quoting them in the same way. Perhaps these single vss. might be added to the list, iv 202, 205, vi 957, 1225, 1237, 1270 as they might all be dispensed with. Look too at iv 129—142, so strangely disordered in the mss.: 133—135 may be all marginal additions by the author afterwards wrongly placed by the editor. The ms. arrangement of iv 299—348 has been already accounted for. If all these passages are subtracted, there will then be left a not very unusual number of single verses transposed by the ordinary negligence of copyists. The numbers occasionally given on the left hand of the page denote of course the order of the lines in mss. which Lachmann follows in his edition: where spurious vss. of the mss. are omitted from the text, he still allows them to count. For obvious reasons I have followed him in this, as he will be the future standard of comparison, and there is great advantage in a uniform numbering of the verses.

Since many special questions of orthography are noticed as they occur in the notes, I should have thought it unnecessary to say more in this place than that in essential points I follow Lachmann, if it were not for the apparent unwillingness of scholars in this country to accept even the smallest change in what they look upon as the usual or conventional rules of spelling. The notion of any uniform conventional spelling is quite a chimera: I never find two English editors following any uniform system; nay the same editor will often differ in different parts of the same book. But whence comes this ‘conventional’ system, so far as it does exist? from the meritorious and considering their position most successful endeavours of the Italian scholars in the fifteenth century to get rid of the frightful mass of barbarisms which the four or five preceding centuries had accumulated. They sought indeed to introduce rigorous uniformity in cases where variety was the rule of the ancients; and though these cases embraced only a few general heads, they yet comprised a great multiplicity of particular instances, because involving the terminations of cases, the assimilation of prepositions in compound verbs and the like. But where there was only one right course, they generally chose it; yet from the utter confusion into which the use of the aspirate had fallen, their own language having entirely lost it in sound, but at this time retained it in spelling; from the almost complete identity both in sound and writing of *c* and *t* before *i*, and the like, they never could tell whether *humor* or *umor*, *humerus* or *umerus*, *spatium* or

*spacium, species or speties* was correct ; and consequently as a rule chose the wrong. Their general principles however were not accepted by the most thoughtful scholars in any age, so far at least as concerned the text of ancient authors, unless it be during a part of the present century ; neither by an Avancius in the 15th nor by a Lambinus or Scaliger in the 16th nor by a Gronovius in the 17th nor by a Bentley in the 18th. Yet this system gradually established itself, because it came to be used by scholars in their own writings, some of the barbarisms being gradually eliminated ; new ones however being introduced, such as *coelum coena moereo sylva caetera* for *caelum cena maereo silva cetera* in order to derive them preposterously from Greek words : Marullus, as we said above, writes *sylva* and *hymbres*.

Many attempts were made in various directions to change this state of things : the best and most systematic was that of Ph. Wagner in his *orthographia Vergiliana* published in 1841. With admirable industry he amassed all the evidence afforded by the medicean and, so far as it was accessible to him, of the other ancient mss. of Virgil. As these, like other old mss. are as a rule very tenacious of the true spelling in those cases where there is only one right method, he performed this part of his work with eminent success, and still remains one of the best authorities on the subject. In those other cases however referred to above, in which variety is the rule of the ancients and which include a great multitude of particular instances, he has chosen to abandon the safe ground of evidence and experience and has made Virgil write what he decided on *a priori* principles he must have written. This seems to me the reason why his system was not more generally followed. Still less satisfactory was Madvig's spelling in his *de finibus* published in 1839 : it was utterly unlike that of the mss. and yet in many points it was not what Cicero used ; in still more you could not be sure whether it was what he used or not. Here too Lachmann bringing into play his extraordinary 'power of asking the right question,' and joining with it a minute knowledge of the whole evidence upon the subject, saw at once what could be obtained and what could not, and shaped his course accordingly. The Leyden mss. of Lucretius, imperfect in many respects, are on the whole admirable in their orthography, at least equal to any of the mss. of Virgil, confirming them in what is true and confirmed by them in turn : in some nice points, such as the frequent retention of the enclitic *st*, they far surpass them. With their aid he was able to confirm those improvements in spelling which Wagner had so well established in opposition to the system in common use. But in regard to the other class of words in which the usage of the ancients varied in different ages or even in the same age, he did not dogmatically determine what his author wrote and thus close the door to all future change ; but knowing that certainty was not here attainable, he carefully sifted the evidence offered by his mss.

and made the best approximation he could to what his author might have written, always taking the most ancient form for which his authorities supplied any testimony direct or indirect. Thus the question was not foreclosed ; nor were we left to vague generalities, but a firm historical groundwork was gained upon which future improvements might be built, if better evidence hereafter offered itself. Lachmann then in this, as in so many other departments of philology, seems at once to have produced conviction in the minds of the majority of the most thoughtful scholars, in Germany I mean ; for in our own country most seem to scout the question as unworthy of serious attention : a great mistake ; for Latin orthography is a most interesting and valuable study to those who care to examine it, and touches in a thousand points the history grammar and pronunciation of the language. Let me give two examples of the effect at once produced by Lachmann. Otto Jahn in 1843 published his elaborate edition of Persius in which he adopted throughout the spelling then in common use, though he had so many excellent mss. to guide him to a better course : in 1851, the year after Lachmann's work came out, he published the text of his Juvenal and followed in it most minutely the principles of Lachmann ; and fortunately he had a most excellent authority in the codex Pithoeanus ; so that the spelling is probably not very far removed from the author's own. In the years just preceding Lachmann Halm published several orations of Cicero with elaborate critical Latin notes : and yet, though his spelling was somewhat better than that of Jahn's Persius, it is still essentially 'conventional' and arbitrary : in the years following Lachmann he published a series of school editions of Cicero's orations with brief German notes, and now in these the spelling was wholly modelled on the system pursued by Lachmann. The same system too he has carried out in those volumes of the elaborate edition of Cicero edited by him and Baiter, which came out after Lachmann's Lucretius. Stimulated by the examples of Madvig Ritschl and Lachmann the rising generation of German scholars has pursued the critical study of Latin with eminent success ; and nearly all of them follow in orthography the guidance of Lachmann. This system then may fairly I think be now regarded as the true 'conventional' system ; for surely the Lachmanns and Ritschls of the nineteenth century have a better right to dictate to us in the present day what shall be accepted as 'conventional' than the Poggios and Vallas of the fifteenth. Since my first edition came out, Madvig has published the last books of his text of Livy, of which there exists but a single and very ancient ms. : these he has edited in a form differing from that of the other books, and has now given his very weighty authority in favour of adhering to the spelling of the oldest mss., with some reservations which I do not understand. And now too in his new edition of the *de finibus* he has entirely abandoned the orthography of the other.

In following Lachmann then I am sure that I have authority on my side; I believe that I have reason as well. In those cases indeed to which I have already referred, where the universal testimony of inscriptions and of mss. beyond a certain age proves that there is only one right way and about which the best scholars are all now agreed, there cannot be any doubt what course should be taken: we must write *querella loquilla luella sollers sollemnis sollicito Iuppiter littera quattuor stuppa lammina*; on the other hand *milia conecto conexus coniti conixus conireo conubium belua bacu sucus litus* and the like; *condicio solacium, setius artus* (adj.) *autumnus suboles*: in many of them an important principle is involved: obeying the almost unanimous testimony of our own and other good mss. we cannot but give *umerus umor* and the like: also *hiemps*. I have heard it asked what then is the genitive of *hiemps*: to which the best reply perhaps would be what is the perfect of *sumo* or supine of *emo*. The Latins wrote *hiemps*, as they wrote *emptum sumpsi sumptum* and a hundred such forms, because they disliked *m* and *s* or *t* to come together without the intervention of a *p* sound; and our mss. all attest this: *tempo* likewise is the only true form, which the Italians in the 15th century rejected for *tento*. Then mss. and inscriptions prove that *d* took an *n* before it, *tandem quendam eundem* and the like, with the exception of *circundo* in which the mss. both of Lucr. and Virgil always retain the *m*: and generally, though not invariably, *m* on the other hand remained before *q*: *quemquam tamquam* and so on; though the new corpus inscrip. Lat. has I find *nunquam*; and so has Augustus in his res gestae, but *quotiescumque*. Then always *quicque quicquam quicquid* (indef.), but generally *quidquid* (relative), though *quicquid* is found in the lex Rubria and once in our AB: always *peremo interemo neglego intellego* etc. Above all we must scout such barbarisms as *coelum moestus sylva caetera nequicquam*. In these points Wagner is as good a guide as Lachmann; but in regard to the cases in which ancient usage varied shall we follow the former who deserts the mss. for preconceived general rules, or Lachmann who here also is content to obey the best evidence he can get? I have unhesitatingly come over to the views of the latter: ‘*hypotheses non fingo*’ should be the rule in this as in other matters. As said above, all these uncertain spellings fall under a very few general heads. One of these is the assimilation or non-assimilation of prepositions: *inpero* represents the etymology, *impero* the pronunciation of the word. From the most ancient period of which we have any record, centuries before Cicero or Lucretius, a compromise was made between these opposing interests: words in common use soon began to change the consonant, those in less common use retained it longer. In the first volume of the corpus inscrip. Lat., the most recent of which are as old as the age of Lucretius, most of them much older, *imperator* occurs 26 times, and is always spelt with *m*, proving that in a

word, which must daily have been in everybody's mouth, etymology in remote times yielded as was natural to sound: *imperium* again occurs three, *inperium* six times, being doubtless in somewhat less common use. Now in Lucretius *imperium impero* or *imperito* occurs six times, and the mss. always spell with *m*, and so Lucretius spelt I have no doubt: indeed many of these common words the silver age I believe more frequently wrote with *n*, than did that of Cicero. Then Virgil uses *imperium* 40 times; and Ribbeck's capital mss. have *m* in every instance, except *M* which twice has *inp.*, though one of these two cases is at least doubtful: for Aen. VIII 381 Fogginius prints *imperiis*. Yet in defiance of all this evidence Wagner gives us *imperium*, surely without reason on any view of the case; for the foundation on which we must build is thus withdrawn from under our feet. To take another common instance, *commuto* occurs 9 times in the corpus inscr. and always with *m*; 12 times in Lucretius and always with *m*. Other words are more uncertain: we find in the mss. *impius* and *inpius*, *immortalis* and *inmortalis*, *colligere* and *colligere*, *compleo* and *complexo*; and so with other prepositions, *ab*, *ob*, *sub*, *ad*: all tending to prove that usage was in most words uncertain. Again we have *exsto*, and *exto*, *exsolvo*, *exulto* *expiro* *expecto* *cet.*, *s* being generally omitted; and this agrees with Quintilian I 7 4 who implies that it was a learned affectation of some to write *exspecto* in order to distinguish *ex* and *specto* from *ex* and *pecto*; it agrees too with all other good evidence: the mss. of Virgil furnish precisely the same testimony as those of Lucretius; yet Wagner in all such cases writes *exs*: surely we should keep *ex* where the mss. keep it, *exs* where they have *exs*: and so with *super* or *subter*, *suptilis* or *subtilis*, *ab-* or *ap-*, *ob-* or *op-*, *sub-* or *sup*, *succ-* or *susc-*, and the like: *appareo* occurs ten times in Lucr. and is always spelt thus by our mss.: so *apparo*, *appello* (both 1 and 3 conj.); but *adpetitur* and always *adpono*, *adporto* or *atporto*, in which words the separate force of the preposition continued to be felt: in exact conformity with this the first volume of the corp. inscr. has twenty times *appareo* and also *apparitor*, proving that in the earliest times the prepos. had been assimilated in this common technical word: thus too in the 21 instances of *appareo* in Virgil all Ribbeck's mss. always have *app.* except *M* once, Aen. XI 605, misled by the usage of its age: comp. the suggestive remark of Servius to Aen. I 616 'applicat: secundum praesentem usum per d prima syllaba scribitur: secundum antiquam orthographiam ...per p': yet in defiance of all this Wagner makes Virgil always write *adpareo* and the like. We find *haut* and *haut*, and sometimes *alint aliquid quicquit* and the like, sound and etymology carrying on an undecided battle in the mss. of Lucretius, as in inscriptions and elsewhere: *adque* is sometimes but rarely found, sound having here as might be expected gained the victory: Wagner cannot be right in always forcing *adque* on Virgil. Lucretius seems to have recognised only *sed*: he once has *elabsa*,

and once *praescribta*: see notes 2 to vi 92: in such forms sound must have at an early period prevailed; and *b d g* gave way to *p t c* before *s* and *t*: *lapsus* for *labus* is the same principle as *rex (recs)*, *rexi (recsi)* written sometimes *recxi*, *rectum* from *rego*: to judge from the best mss. *labus* and the like became again much more common in the silver age. Mommsen has recently published an admirable copy and exposition of the *res gestae* of Augustus from the Ancyra monument. Augustus was somewhat of a purist in spelling and cashiered an officer for using in a dispatch the vulgarism *isse* (not *ixe*) instead of *ipse*. His system quite bears out what has just been said: he always writes *imperium* and *imperator*; he has *immortalis*, but *inmissus*; *impensa*, while the heading of the work, not written by him, but perhaps by Tiberius, has *inpensa*: generally *conlega* and *conlegium*, but once *collegium* and *collaticius*; *exilium*, but *extinguere*; on the other hand *sexiens* as well as *sexiens*, proving that *x* and *xs* were identical: he writes *appellaverunt*; but *adque* the only time he uses the word.

Another question involving a multitude of details is the use of *-is* or *-es* in the accus. plur. of participles and adjectives and substantives whose gen. plur. ends in *ium*, as well as of some other classes, *doloris* or *dolores*, *maioris* or *maiores*: here too Wagner involves himself in inextricable perplexities by his eclectic system, when his mss. were admirable guides, had he chosen to follow them. The mss. of Lucretius are no less admirable and probably represent very fairly the author's own usage: they offer *-is* five times out of six; and *-es* is somewhat more common in substantives in very general use, as *ignes vires aures*. Inscriptions quite bear out our mss.; and the sole relic of Latin yet disinterred from Herculaneum contains this v. *Utraque sollemnis iterum revocaverat orbes*. Pertz recently printed in the Berlin transactions the few remaining leaves of a ms. of Virgil, which he assigns to the age of Augustus and which may really be of the second or third century: we there find the acc. plur. of adjectives and participles ending 18 times in *-is*, 3 times in *-es* *pares felices amantes*; of substantives we find *sonoris*, but 4 times *vires*, and *artes messes crates classes aves*, quite confirming the testimony of our A and B. Varro de ling. Lat. viii 66 writes *item quod in patrico casu hoc genus dispariliter dicatur civitatum parentum et civitatum parentium: in accusandi hos montes fontes et hos montis fontis*; and in Lucr. ii 587 we find *potestates*, v 1239 *potestatis*: then ib. 67 he says *quid potest similius esse quam gens mens dens? quom horum casus patricus et accusativus in multitudine sint disparilis; nam a primo fit gentium et gentis, utrobique ut sit i; ab secundo mentium et mentes, ut in priore solo sit i; ab tertio dentum et dentes, ut in neutro sit i*; well our mss. six times have the acc. *gentis*, never *gentes*; *dentes* four times, never *dentis*; *mentes* five times, once only, ii 620, *mentis*. As for the nomin. plur. of such words, Varro l. l. 66 says *sine reprehensione vulgo alii*

*dicunt in singulari hac ovi et avi, alii hac ove et ave, in multitudinis hae*  
*puppis restis et hae puppes restes*: the fragment of Virgil just cited has  
 the nomin. plur. *putris* and *messis*, though we saw it had *messes* in the  
 accus.: in accordance then with these high authorities the mss. of Lucr.  
 not unfrequently retain this nomin. in *-is*, which it would be monstrous  
 to extirpate: I have always therefore kept it. In precise conformity  
 with Lucr. Augustus has in the accus. *agentis* and *labentes*, *finis* and  
*fines*, *consules* and once *consulis*: once too the nomin. *pluris*. On the  
 other hand he always uses the accus. *gentes*, departing in this word from  
 the rule of Varro and Lucr. We see from the corpus inscr. that *-eis* *-is*  
*-es* were all in use: it is probable that Lucr. occasionally employed the  
 termination *-eis*, intermediate in sound between *-es* and *-is*; but, if so,  
 his manuscripts have left few or no traces, and it would be most perverse  
 to follow Avancius Wakefield and others in thrusting it into his verses  
 in season and out of season: v 1280 B has *mortaleis*, perhaps from  
 Lucr.: Augustus more than once has this *-eis* in the abl. plur., *quadri-*  
*geis*, *emeriteis*; and the inscription in his honour still existing on the  
 arch of Rimini erected in 727, midway therefore in time between his  
 res gestae and Lucr., has *celeberrimeis*, *viciis*, *redditeis*. A and B have  
 however not a few indications expressed or implied of the ending *-ei*: see  
 note 2 to III 97 *oculei*: these have of course been carefully preserved.

On another question, comprehending a multitude of particular instances, I have followed Lachmann and our mss. which here too are on the whole excellent guides: I speak of the vowel or consonant *u* followed by another *u*. The old Latins appear to have been unable to pronounce *uu*; and therefore the ancient *o* long kept its place after *u*; or for *qu c* or *q* was used: *quom qum* or *cum*, never *quum*; *linquont linquunt* or *lin-*  
*cunt*; *sequontur*, *sequntur* or *secuntur*; *equos* (nom.) *equus* or *ecus*; *vulgus*  
*divos divom aerom* and so on. They appear to have begun soonest to tolerate *uu* in terminations, when both were vowels, *suus tuus* and the like. Now the mss. of Lucretius have retained in very many instances  
*divom volnus volgo vivont cet.*; *equos* (nom.) and *ecus*, *ecum*, *aecum*; *re-*  
*linquont relinqunt* or *relinquent* oftener than *relinquunt*, so *sequontur*  
*secuntur secutus locuntur locutus*; but with Lachmann I retain the *uu*, when the mss. offer it, in order not to get lost on a sea of conjectural uncertainty like Wagner and some others, who not only desert mss. but in many cases intrude a spelling older than the age of their author: thus Augustus has *rivus rivum annum* (not once *-uo* or *-vo*); why not then Virgil, or at least Varius and Tucca? The mss. of Lucretius are also very pertinacious in retaining the genuine old forms *reicit eicit* or *eiēcit* *cet.* and never offering *reiicit eiicit* and the like: *Grai Grais*, not *Graii Grais*. But further details on the most interesting points of the ancient orthography will be found in various parts of my notes. Again in those many cases where the sound was intermediate between *u* and *i* and the

spelling therefore uncertain, such as the penult of superlatives and certain other adjectives, and words like *lubet* or *libet*, *dissipat* or *dissupat*, *quadrupes* or *quadripes* and many others, I have of course submitted to the guidance of our mss. which only once for instance have *u* in the superl. and once *manufesta*, and twice offer *arbita*, not *arbuta*. Augustus, having learnt it probably in boyhood from the all-accomplished dictator, for whose apprehension nothing was either too little or too great and who, Gellius tells us, first introduced the *i* for *u* in superlatives, invariably writes *frequentissimus septimus vicensimus*, as well as *finitimus manibiae*: comp. what Suetonius says of his use of *simus* for *sumus*, probably from a wish to be consistent. He would scarcely have thanked Varius and Tucca for bringing him the Aeneid embellished with Wagner's *maxumus*, *septimus* and the like, introduced so often in spite of his mss. [Both forms are found in the same sentence *lex colon. Genetivae c. 66 (Ephem. Epigraph. vol. III p. 93) optima lege optumo iure.*] I have likewise followed AB in the adoption of *e* or *o* in *vertere* or *vortere* and the like: *e* is naturally the more common, yet *vorti vorsum divorsi vortitur convortere vortex* are all found: also in reading *reddunda gignundis dicundum cernundi faciundum agundis* cet. or the more usual *agendum quaerendum* cet. Do I then claim in all these doubtful cases to reproduce the spelling of Lucretius or his first editor? Certainly not; but still in most of them Lucretius and his contemporaries undoubtedly allowed themselves much latitude; and I have not intentionally permitted anything to remain which might not have been found in one or other ms. before the death of Virgil. By adhering tenaciously to the mss. where not demonstrably wrong one gains a firm resting place from which to make further advances, if better evidence offer itself. However that may be, I cannot bring myself to accept the arbitrary and eclectic system of a Wagner, much less the hideous barbarisms of a Wakefield; nor on the other hand, after feasting on the generous cereals of a Lachmann and a Ritschl, can I stomach the 'conventional' husks and acorns of the Italians of the 15th century. At the same time it will be seen that my spelling differs less from this system, than does that of Wagner in his standard text of 1841, or even his subsequent modification of that text for common use which Prof. Conington has adopted in his Virgil.

Most of the abbreviations and marks used in the notes are sufficiently explained above: A and B denote the two Leyden mss., Gott. the Götterian fragment, Nicc. the Florentine ms. written by Nicold Niccoli, Flor. 29, 31, 32 the mss. of the Laurentian library forming nos. 29, 31, 32 of desk xxxv; Camb. our Cambridge ms.; Vat. or Vatic. the Vatican mss.; and Urbin. Othob. or Reg. with the number attached identify more nearly the mss. contained in those several departments of the library: one Vat. 2 Vat. 3 Vat. mean one, two or three of the Vatican mss. where it was not worth while specifying them. In this

new edition Mon. denotes the codex of Victorius in the Munich library. Brix. Ver. Ven. Ald. 1 Junt. Ald. 2 are the editions fully described above, where it is explained when and why the names Avancius, Candidus, Marullus, Naugerius are or are not used instead of that of one or other of these editions. The ms. notes of Heinsius and Vossius, which are often cited, indicate the notes by those scholars which are in my private possession and have been described above. Lamb. Wak. Lach. Bern. Bentl. need no explanation after what has been said; and in this edition Pont. and Mar. designate Pontanus and Marullus, whose readings I have got from the sources mentioned. The dots ... imply that one verse, \* that more than one or an uncertain number are lost; such interpolations as it has been deemed advisable to retain in the text, are printed in small capitals; the letters syllables and words which are omitted in the mss. but can be restored with more or less certainty, are given in Italics. In quoting Ennius the last edition, that of Vahlen, has been used; for the fragments of the Roman scenic writers, except Ennius, that of Ribbeck: in citing Cicero the smaller sections are referred to as far the most convenient for reference: for Terence the several recent editions; for Plautus Ritschl and Fleckeisen in the plays they have published; in the others the old variorum ed. has been employed: in Pliny the sections of recent editions are cited, as the older divisions are intolerably awkward. Notes I have been made as short as is consistent with perspicuity: unless the contrary is expressly stated or implied, the word or words which appear first in the note are those of our text; thus '*genitabilis. genitalis* etc.' signifies that *genitabilis* is the right reading and is found in A and B and the other chief authorities, but *genitalis* is mentioned for the reasons given. Again '281 *quam* Lach. for *quem. quod* Junt.' means that Lachmann first gave the correct reading *quam* instead of *quem* which is the reading of A and B and other mss. as well as editions before the Juntine of 1512 which prints *quod*, the reading generally followed by the old editors. Of course if any one before Lachmann had read *quam*, he, not Lachmann, would have been cited for it. 'Ed.' means the present editor. Let it always be remembered that the corrupt reading, cited in a note, is that which appears in A and B, unless the contrary is expressly stated.

The passages which were first added to the second edition have been enclosed within [ ] in cases where ambiguity or awkwardness might be occasioned, if no distinction were made between the old and the new matter; but not otherwise.

T. LUCRETI CARI  
DE RERUM NATURA  
LIBER PRIMUS

Aeneadum genetrix, hominum divomque voluptas,  
alma Venus, caeli subter labentia signa  
quae mare nrigerum, quae terras frugiferentis  
concelebras, per te quoniam genus omne animantium  
concipitur visitque exortum lumina solis:  
te, dea, te fugiunt venti, te nubila caeli  
adventumque tuum, tibi suavis daedala tellus  
summittit flores, tibi rident aequora ponti  
placatumque nitet diffuso lumine caelum.  
nam simul ac species patefactast verna diei  
et reserata viget genitabilis aura favoni,  
aeriae primum volucres te, diva, tuumque  
significant initum percussae corda tua vi.  
15 inde ferae pecudes persulant pabula laeta  
14 et rapidos tranant amnis: ita capta lepore

11 *genitabilis.* *genitalis* has no authority, but it does not appear to be 'typographi Veronensis peccatum', as I found it in Vat. 1136 Othobon. 14 15: Niccoli followed by all the Flor. mss. Camb. etc. has these verses in the right order. 14 Wak. proposes *fere* which is indeed rather the ms. reading.

After 15 the v. *Illecebrisque tuis omnis natura animantium* is inserted in the Juntine and in most subsequent editions, not however by Naugerius in Aldine 2, as Lachmann incorrectly states. It has been generally assigned to Marullus, but as I found it in the margin of Flor. xxxv 29, for reasons given above p. 8 I attribute it to Angelo Politian. Victorius however inserts it among what profess to be solely Pontanus' conjectures; though he has not written it in the same style, nor apparently at the same time, as the rest: it is possible then that Pontanus or he may have got it from Politian's ms. Marullus in marg. Mon. for *capta* proposes

te sequitur cupide quo quamque inducere pergis.  
 denique per maria ac montis fluviosque rapacis  
 frondiferasque domos avium camposque virentis  
 omnibus incutiens blandum per pectora amorem  
 efficis ut cupide generatim saecla propagent.      20  
 quae quoniam rerum naturam sola gubernas  
 nec sine te quicquam dias in luminis oras  
 exoritur neque fit laetum neque amabile quicquam,  
 te sociam studeo scribendis versibus esse  
 quos ego de rerum natura pangere conor      25  
 Memmiadae nostro, quem tu, dea, tempore in omni  
 omnibus ornatum voluisti excellere rebus.  
 quo magis aeternum da dictis, diva, leporem.  
 effice ut interea fera moenera militiae  
 per maria ac terras omnis sopita quiescant.      30  
 nam tu sola potes tranquilla pace iuvare  
 mortalis, quoniam belli fera moenera Mavors  
 armipotens regit, in gremium qui saepe tuum se  
 reicit aeterno devictus vulnere amoris,  
 atque ita suspiciens tereti cervice reposta      35  
 pascit amore avidos inhians in te, dea, visus,  
 eque tuo pendet resupini spiritus ore.  
 hunc tu, diva, tuo recubantem corpore sancto  
 circumfusa super, suavis ex ore loquellas  
 funde petens placidam Romanis, incluta, pacem.      40  
 nam neque nos agere hoc patriai tempore iniquo

*quodque*: this Victorius in his copy of Marullus' corrections first wrote down, and afterwards erased, because I presume the line of the Juntine rendered it unnecessary: a strong indication that he got this v. from Junt. a copy of which now in the Munich library he has filled with elaborate notes of his own: his spelling too of *amneis* in his second copy of Ven. shews he took it from Junt.; as Pontanus and Marullus recognise only -es or -is. Again Lambinus who evidently had access to ms. notes of Pontanus as stated above, says distinctly in a passage already quoted in p. 8 'neque eum Naugerius neque Pontanus habuerunt': what he there says of Marullus is mere report. Nicc. and the Italians having changed in 16 *quamque* into *cunque* had rendered the sentence unintelligible without some addition.      16 *pergis* Nicc. A corr. etc. for *tergis*.

27 *ornatum* A corr. Priscian etc. for *oralatum*.      32 *fera moenera* Lamb. for *feram onera*. *moenia* scholiast of Statius.      33 *regit* Nicc. scholiast of Statius for *regium*.      34 *Reicit* B Gottorp. *Reficit* A Nicc. Camb. Pontanus etc. *devictus*, *devinctus* Pont. Lamb. and scholiast of Statius.      35 Nicc. rightly

possumus ac quo animo nec Memmi clara propago  
talibus in rebus communi desse saluti.

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quod superest, vacuas auris animumque sagacem      50  
semotum a curis ad hibe veram ad rationem,  
ne mea dona tibi studio disposta fideli,  
intellecta prius quam sint, contempta relinquas.  
nam tibi de summa caeli ratione deumque  
disserrere incipiam et rerum primordia pandam,      55  
unde omnis natura creet res auctet alatque,  
quove eadem rursum natura pereimpta resolvat,  
quae nos materiem et genitalia corpora rebus  
reddunda in ratione vocare et semina rerum  
appellare suēmus et haec eadem usurpare      60  
corpora prima, quod ex illis sunt omnia primis.

Humana ante oculos foede cum vita iaceret  
in terris oppressa gravi sub religione  
quae caput a caeli regionibus ostendebat  
horribili super aspectu mortalibus instans,      65  
primum Graius homo mortalis tollere contra  
est oculos ausus primusque obsistere contra,

gives *tereti* for *teriti*.      43 *desse* A corr. Nicc. for *id esse*.      44—49 = II 646—651.  
Is. Vossius in his ms. notes in my possession well observes that some one has  
inserted them here ‘ut ostenderet Lucret. sibi adversari qui, cum Deos mortalia  
non curare affirmat [sic], Venerem tamen invocet’. Pont. Mar. Junt. omit them.  
Avancius in the text of Ald. I places them after 61 and has been followed by  
most editors before Lach.; but in his preface he well observes ‘unum affirmare  
ausim *Omnis enim cum quinque sequentibus ex prologo, cum abundant, demendos*  
*esse: hos aptius legas, cum de magna matre agit*’.      50 *Quod superest, vacuas*  
*auris animumque sagacem*: so Bernays in Rhein. Mus. n. f. v p. 559 from the  
interpr. Verg. in Maii class. auct. t. vii p. 262. *Quod superest ut vacuas auris* AB.  
Nicc. followed by all the Flor. Camb. Mon. and most mss. and all the old editions  
omitted *ut* and added *mihi, Memmius, et te. Lamb. Memmiada.* At the end of  
Junt. is proposed *vacuas mihi quaeso Memmius aures Semotus curis*: Pont. gives  
*Quod superest quaeso vacuas mihi Memmius auris.* Lach. has rightly seen that  
our reading implies the loss of one or more verses in which the poet passed from  
Venus to Memmius: he suggests *animumque, age, Memmi*, which would complete  
the sentence in a way: so would *corque, include Memmi*, or the like.      66 *tollere.*  
*tendere* Lamb. ed. 3 Lach. from Nonius ‘teste nostris antiquiore’. But where  
our mss. give, as here, a faultless reading, it seems uncritical to prefer that of such  
a careless writer as Nonius: older and better authorities than he is continually  
misquote: Seneca in 57 has *quoque* for *quove*, Gellius in 304 *aut* for *et*, 306  
Nonius *candenti* for *dispansae in*, II 13 Lactantius *stultas* for *miseras*, 1001 *ful-*

quem neque fama deum nec fulmina nec minitanti  
 murmure compressit caelum, sed eo magis acrem  
 inritat animi virtutem, effringere ut arta  
 naturae primus portarum claustra cupiret.  
 ergo vivida vis animi pervicit, et extra  
 processit longe flammantia moenia mundi  
 atque omne immensum peragravit mente animoque,  
 unde refert nobis vitor quid possit oriri,  
 quid nequeat, finita potestas denique cuique  
 quanam sit ratione atque alte terminus haerens.  
 quare religio pedibus subiecta vicissim  
 opteritur, nos exaequat victoria caelo.

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Illud in his rebus vereor, ne forte rearis  
 inopia te rationis inire elementa viamque  
 indulgredi sceleris. quod contra saepius illa  
 religio peperit scelerosa atque impia facta.  
 Aulide quo pacto Triviai virginis aram  
 Iphianassai turparunt sanguine foede  
 ductores Danaum delecti, prima virorum.  
 cui simul infula virgineos circumdata comptus  
 ex utraque pari malarum parte profusast,  
 et maestum simul ante aras adstare parentem  
 sensit et hunc propter ferrum celare ministros  
 aspectuque suo lacrimas effundere civis,  
 muta metu terram genibus summissa petebat.  
 nec miserae prodesse in tali tempore quibat  
 quod patrio princeps donarat nomine regem;  
 nam sublata virum manibus tremibundaque ad aras  
 deductast, non ut sollempni more sacrorum  
 perfecto posset claro comitari Hymenaeo,  
 sed casta inceste nubendi tempore in ipso  
 hostia concideret mactatu maesta parentis,

*gentia* for *rellatum*.      68 *fama*. *fana* Bentl. and Lach. who says ‘*fama* non  
 omnis necessario *magna est*’: *fana* may be right: see v 75; but *fama deum*  
 seems to me more emphatic and the *deum* to be equivalent to an epithet.

70 *effringere* Priscian and also I find Flor. 29 Vat. 1136 Othob. Mon. p. m. for  
*confringere*, rightly no doubt. *virtutem animi confringere* Nicc.      71 *cupiret*  
 Prisc. A corr. for *cuperet*.      74 *omne* A corr. Flor. 28 and 32 for *omnem*.

77 *quanam* A corr. for *quantum*.      83 *atque*. ac B and Gott.      84 *Triviai*  
 Prisc. for *Triviat*.      85 *Iphianassai* A corr. Avanc. for *Iphianassa*. *Iphianasseo*

exitus ut classi felix faustusque daretur.  
tantum religio potuit suadere malorum.

100

Tutem et a nobis iam quovis tempore vatum  
terri quo quis victus dictis desciscere quaeres.  
quippe etenim quam multa tibi iam fingere possunt  
somnia quae vitae rationes vertere possint  
fortunasque tuas omnis turbare timore !

105

et merito ; nam si certam finem esse viderent  
aerumnarum homines, aliqua ratione valerent  
religionibus atque minis obsistere vatum.  
nunc ratio nulla est restandi, nulla facultas,  
aeternas quoniam poenas in morte timendumst.  
ignoratur enim quae sit natura animai,  
nata sit an contra nascentibus insinuetur,  
et simul intereat nobiscum morte dirempta  
an tenebras Orci visat vastasque lacunas  
an pecudes alias divinitus insinuet se,

110

Ennius ut noster cecinit qui primus amoeno  
detulit ex Helicone perenni fronde coronam,  
per gentis Italas hominum quae clara clueret ;  
etsi praeterea tamen esse Acherusia tempa

115

Ennius aeternis exponit versibus edens,  
quo neque permaneant animae neque corpora nostra,  
sed quaedam simulacra modis pallentia miris ;  
unde sibi exortam semper florentis Homeri  
commemorat speciem lacrimas effundere salsa

120

coepisse et rerum naturam expandere dictis.  
quapropter bene cum superis de rebus habenda  
nobis est ratio, solis lunaeque meatus  
qua fiant ratione, et qua vi quaeque gerantur  
in terris, tum cum primis ratione sagaci

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unde anima atque animi constet natura videndum ;  
et quae res nobis, vigilantibus obvia, mentes

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Nicc. all Flor. Camb. all Vat. etc. 104 possunt Mar. Junt. for possum. As  
A and the Italians have *iam*, B and Gott. *me*, I once thought the right  
reading might be *a me fingere possum*: see Cambridge Journal of philology i p. 42  
and Luer. iii 271. 111 timendumst Orelli eclog. in notes, Lach. for timen-  
dum. 121 edens. eidem Lach. without cause. 122 permaneant. per-  
manent Ang. Politian in marg. of Flor. 29, Ver. Ven. Ald. 1 Junt. etc. followed  
by all before Lach. perveniant Mar. 126 Coepisse et B corr. Flor. 31 for

terrificet morbo adfectis, somnoque sepultis,  
cernere uti videamur eos audireque coram,  
morte obita quorum tellus amplectitur ossa.  
nec me animi fallit Graiorum obscura reperta  
difficile inlustrare Latinis versibus esse,  
multa novis verbis praesertim cum sit agendum  
propter egestatem linguae et rerum novitatem;  
sed tua me virtus tamen et sperata voluptas  
suavis amicitiae quemvis sufferre laborem  
suadet et inducit noctes vigilare serenas  
quaerentem dictis quibus et quo carmine demum  
clara tuae possim praepandere lumina menti,  
res quibus occultas penitus convisere possis.

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Hunc igitur terrorem animi tenebrasque necessest  
non radii solis neque lucida tela diei  
discutiant, sed naturae species ratioque.  
principium cuius hinc nobis exordia sumet,  
nullam rem e nilo gigni divinitus umquam.  
quippe ita formido mortalis continet omnis,  
quod multa in terris fieri caeloque tuentur  
quorum operum causas nulla ratione videre  
possunt ac fieri divino numine rentur.

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156 quas ob res ubi viderimus nil posse creari  
de nilo, tum quod sequimur iam rectius inde  
perspiciemus, et unde queat res quaeque creari  
155 et quo quaeque modo fiant opera sine divom.

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159 Nam si de nilo fierent, ex omnibu' rebus  
omne genus nasci posset, nil semine egeret.  
e mare primum homines, e terra posset oriri  
squamigerum genus et volucres erumpere caelo;  
armenta atque aliae pecudes, genus omne ferarum,  
incerto partu culta ac deserta tenerent.

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*Coepisset.* 130 *tum* Flor. 25 and 31 Camb. p. m. Mar. for *tunc*. 141 *quemvis*  
*sufferre* Flor. 32 in margin, Heinsius in ms. notes, and Faber for *quemvis efferre*.  
[So perhaps Cic. epist. viii 1 2 we should read *sermones suppressit: expressit M.*] Dion. Cat. distich. iii 6 has *quemvis sufferre laborem*, perhaps taken from this. 155  
—158 Mar. Junt. and margin of Camb. have these vs. in right order, and *et* for *ut* in  
157. Avancius *et*, and at end of his edition of Catull. 1502 has right order. *et* Pont. also.  
161—164 are rightly thus punctuated by Lach. I find however from his  
proof sheets that until the final revision he had with Wak. put a stop after

- nec fructus idem arboribus constare solerent,  
sed mutarentur, ferre omnes omnia possent.  
quippe, ubi non essent genitalia corpora cuique,  
qui posset mater rebus consistere certa?  
at nunc seminibus quia certis quaeque creatur,  
inde enascitur atque oras in luminis exit,  
materies ubi inest cuiusque et corpora prima;  
atque hac re nequeunt ex omnibus omnia gigni,  
quod certis in rebus inest secreta facultas.  
praeterea cur vere rosam, frumenta calore,  
vites autumno fundi suadente videmus,  
si non, certa suo quia tempore semina rerum  
cum confluxerunt, patefit quodcumque creatur,  
dum tempestates adsunt et vivida tellus  
tuto res teneras effert in luminis oras?  
quod si de nilo fierent, subito exorerentur  
incerto spatio atque alienis partibus anni,  
quippe ubi nulla forent primordia quae genitali  
concilio possent arceri tempore iniquo.  
nec porro augendis rebus spatio foret usus  
seminis ad coitum, si e nilo crescere possent;  
nam fierent iuvenes subito ex infantib' parvis  
e terraque exorta repente arbusta salirent.  
quorum nil fieri manifestum est, omnia quando  
paulatim crescunt, ut par est,  
semine certo  
crescentesque genus servant; ut noscere possis  
quicque sua de materia grandescere aliique.  
huc accedit uti sine certis imribus anni  
laetificos nequeat fetus submittere tellus  
nec porro secreta cibo natura animantium  
propagare genus possit vitamque tueri;

*volucres and armenta, and none after caelo.* Lamb. puts a colon after *pecudes* and  
alters *tenerent* to *teneret*. 168 *certa* A corr. Nicc. for *derta*. 176 *quia*  
*Flor.* 31 Camb. superscr. for *qui*. 175 *Vites. Uvas Pont.* 177 *creatur*  
*A corr. Nicc. for orcatu.* 185 *si e nilo.* *e nihilo si* Junt. Lamb. etc. not  
*Mar.*: so 291 *cum flumen.* *flumen cum* Lamb.; II 36 *si in plebeia.* *si plebeia in*  
*Mon.* Junt. and Lamb.: in all cases against mss. and the usage of Lucretius.  
189 the homoeoteleuton has probably caused a v. of this kind to drop out: *tempore*  
*certo, Res quoniā crescent omnes de s. c.* Lach. awkwardly *ut par est semine certo*

ut potius multis communia corpora rebus  
multa putes esse, ut verbis elementa videmus,  
quam sine principiis ullam rem existere posse.  
denique cur homines tantos natura parare  
non potuit, pedibus qui pontum per vada possent      200  
transire et magnos manibus divellere montis  
multaque vivendo vitalia vincere saecla,  
si non, materies quia rebus reddita certast  
gignundis e qua constat quid possit oriri ?  
nil igitur fieri de nilo posse fatendumst,  
semine quando opus est rebus quo quaeque creatae  
aeris in teneras possint proferrier auras.  
postremo quoniam incultis praestare videmus  
culta loca et manibus melioris reddere fetus,  
esse videlicet in terris primordia rerum      210  
quae nos fecundas vertentes vomere glebas  
terraique solum subigentes cimus ad ortus.  
quod si nulla forent, nostro sine quaeque labore  
sponte sua multo fieri meliora videres.

Huc accedit uti quicque in sua corpora rursum  
dissoluat natura neque ad nilum interemat res.  
nam siquid mortale e cunctis partibus esset,  
ex oculis res quaeque repente erecta periret.  
nulla vi foret usus enim quae partibus eius  
discidium parere et nexus exsolve posset.  
quod nunc, aeterno quia constant semine quaeque,  
donec vis obiit quae res diverberet ictu  
aut intus penetret per inania dissoluatque,  
nullius exitium patitur natura videri.  
praeterea quaecumque vetustate amovet aetas,      225  
si penitus peremit consumens materiem omnem,  
unde animale genus generatim in lumina vitae  
reducit Venus, aut redditum daedala tellus  
unde alit atque auget generatim pabula praebens ?  
unde mare ingenuei fontes externaque longe      230

*Crescere, resque genus. Crescendo Mar. Junt. Lamb. etc.*      207 *possint*  
Pont. Ald. 1 Junt. for *possent*: a change which will often have to be made: mss.  
are more apt to put *possent* for *possint* than vice versa.      215 *quicque* Lamb.  
for *quicquid*.      217 *e* added by Nicc.      230 I follow the mss.: *mare*,

flumina suppeditant? unde aether sidera pascit?  
omnia enim debet, mortali corpore quae sunt,  
infinita aetas consumpsa anteacta diesque.

quod si in eo spatio atque anteacta aetate fuere  
e quibus haec rerum consistit summa refecta,  
inmortali sunt natura praedita certe,

haut igitur possunt ad nilum quaeque reverti.

denique res omnis eadem vis causaque volgo  
conficeret, nisi materies aeterna teneret,

inter se nexus minus aut magis indupedita;

tactus enim leti satis esset causa profecto,

quippe, ubi nulla forent aeterno corpore, quorum  
contextum vis deberet dissolvere quaeque.

at nunc, inter se quia nexus principiorum

dissimiles constant aeternaque materies est,

incolumi remanent res corpore, dum satis acris  
vis obeat pro textura cuiusque reperta.

haud igitur reddit ad nilum res ulla, sed omnes  
discidio redeunt in corpora materiai.

postremo pereunt imberes, ubi eos pater aether  
in gremium matris terrai praecipitavit;

at nitidae surgunt fruges ramique virescunt  
arboribus, crescunt ipsae fetuque gravantur;

hinc alitur porro nostrum genus atque ferarum,  
hinc laetas urbes pueris florere videmus

frondiferasque novis avibus canere undique silvas;

hinc fessae pecudes pingui per pabula laeta  
corpora deponunt et candens lacteus umor

uberibus manat distentis; hinc nova proles  
artibus infirmis teneras lasciva per herbas

ludit lacte mero mentes perculta novellas.

haud igitur penitus pereunt quaecumque videntur,  
quando alid ex alio reficit natura nec ullam

rem gigni patitur nisi morte adiuta aliena.

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*ingenuei* Lach. and Ed. in ed. 1. *externaque. extentaque* Lach. *longe. large*  
Bern. and Ed. in ed. 1. 240 *nexus* Mon. Junt. for *nexus*. Lamb. ed. 1 and 2  
*nexas* (*nexus* ed. 1 is a misprint) and *indupedite*; ed. 3 *nexus...endopedita*.

257 *pingui* Iun. Philargyrius to Virg. geor. iii 124 for *pinguis*, as Heyne there  
notices. 263 *alio* Nicc. for *allo*. 264 *adiuta* A corr. Nicc. for *adluta*.

Nunc age, res quoniam docui non posse creari  
 de nilo neque item genitas ad nil revocari,  
 nequa forte tamen coeptes diffidere dictis,  
 quod nequeunt oculis rerum primordia cerni,  
 accipe praeterea quae corpora tute necessest  
 confiteare esse in rebus nec posse videri.      265  
 principio venti vis verberat incita portus  
 ingentisque ruit navis et nubila differt,  
 interdum rapido percurrens turbine campos  
 arboribus magnis sternit montisque supremos  
 silvifragis vexat flabris: ita perfurit acri      270  
 cum fremitu saevitque minaci murmure ventus.  
 sunt igitur venti nimirum corpora caeca  
 quae mare, quae terras, quae denique nubila caeli  
 verrunt ac subito vexantia turbine raptant,  
 nec ratione fluunt alia stragemque propagant      275  
 et cum mollis aquae fertur natura repente  
 flumine abundanti, quam largis imbris auget  
 montibus ex altis magnus decursus aquai  
 fragmina coniciens silvarum arbustaque tota,  
 nec validi possunt pontes venientis aquai      280  
 vim subitam tolerare: ita magno turbidus imbri  
 molibus incurrit validis cum viribus amnis:  
 dat sonitu magno stragem volvitque sub undis  
 grandia saxa: ruit qua quicquid fluctibus obstat.  
 sic igitur debent venti quoque flamina ferri,      285  
 quae veluti validum cum flumen procubuere  
 quamlibet in partem, trudunt res ante ruuntque  
 impetibus crebris, interdum vertice torto  
 corripiunt rapideque rotanti turbine portant.  
 quare etiam atque etiam sunt venti corpora caeca,      295

271 *portus* all Vat. Flor. 29 and 31 Flor. 30 corr. Camb. for *cortus*. *pontum* Mar. Politian in marg. of Flor. 29, Junt. and apparently Nicc. *cautes* Lach. which is very weak.      274 'saevit, *Murul.*' says Gifanius: and so Mar. corrects in Mon.; but Junt. has rightly *sternit*.      276 *ventus* Lach. for *pontus*.      282 *quam* Lach. for *quem*. *quod* Flor. 30 corr. Pont. Mar. Junt.      286 *turbidus* A corr. Nicc. for *turbibus*.      289 *quicquid* Ed. for *quidquid*: no further change is required: see notes 2: *ruitque ita quidquid* Lach. *ruitque aqua q.* Ed. formerly.

294 *rapide* Lach. for *rapidi* which Wak. absurdly retains. *rapidoque rotantia* Lamb. ed. 1 and 2 *rapidoque rotanti* ed. 3.

quandoquidem factis et moribus aemula magnis  
 amnibus inveniuntur, aperto corpore qui sunt.  
 tum porro varios rerum sentimus odores  
 nec tamen ad naris venientis cernimus umquam,  
 nec calidos aestus tuimur nec frigora quimus      300  
 usurpare oculis nec voces cernere suemus;  
 quae tamen omnia corporea constare necessest  
 natura, quoniam sensus inpellere possunt.  
 tangere enim et tangi, nisi corpus, nulla potest res.  
 denique fluctifrago suspensae in litore vestes      305  
 uescunt, eaedem dispansae in sole serescunt.  
 at neque quo pacto persederit umor aquai  
 visumst nec rursum quo pacto fugerit aestu.  
 in parvas igitur partis dispergitur umor  
 quas oculi nulla possunt ratione videre.      310  
 quin etiam multis solis redeuntibus annis  
 anulus in digito subter tenuatur habendo,  
 stilicidi casus lapidem cavat, uncus aratri  
 ferreus occulte decrescit vomer in arvis,  
 strataque iam volgi pedibus detrita viarum      315  
 saxeа conspicimus; tum portas propter aena  
 signa manus dextras ostendunt adtenuari  
 saepe salutantum tactu praeterque meantum.  
 haec igitur minui, cum sint detrita, videmus.  
 sed quae corpora decadent in tempore quoque,      320  
 invida paeclusit speciem natura videndi.  
 postremo quaecumque dies naturaque rebus  
 paulatim tribuit, moderatim crescere cogens,  
 nulla potest oculorum acies contenta tueri;  
 nec porro quaecumque aevo macieque senescunt,      325  
 nec, mare quae inpendent, vesco sale saxa peresa  
 quid quoque amittant in tempore cernere possis.  
 corporibus caecis igitur natura gerit res.

Nec tamen undique corporea stipata tenentur  
 omnia natura; namque est in rebus inane.

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304 *et. aut* Gellius v 15: but all mss. and Seneca Tertull. Nonius have *et.*

313: Isidor. Orig. xx 14 1 'Vomer ..de quo Lucretius *Uncus aratri Ferreus occulto decrescit vomer in arvis* Sumitque per detrimenta fulgorem' (not 'nitorem'). It is odd if the last words are Isidore's own: is a line of this kind lost, *Sumitque ipse suum per detrimenta nitorem?*      321 *speciem. spatium* Lach.: but see

quod tibi cognosse in multis erit utile rebus  
nec sinet errantem dubitare et quaerere semper  
de summa rerum et nostris diffidere dictis.

**QUAPROPTER LOCUS EST INTACTUS INANE VACANSQUE**

quod si non esset, nulla ratione moveri 335

res possent; namque officium quod corporis exstat,  
officere atque obstare, id in omni tempore adesset  
omnibus; haud igitur quicquam procedere posset,  
principium quoniam cedendi nulla daret res.

at nunc per maria ac terras sublimaque caeli 340

multa modis multis varia ratione moveri  
cernimus ante oculos, quae, si non esset inane,  
non tam sollicito motu privata carerent  
quam genita omnino nulla ratione fuissent,

undique materies quoniam stipata quiesset. 345

praeterea quamvis solidae res esse putentur,

hinc tamen esse licet raro cum corpore cernas.

in saxis ac speluncis permanat aquarum

liquidus umor et uberibus flent omnia guttis.

dissipat in corpus sese cibus omne animantium.

crescent arbusta et fetus in tempore fundunt,

quod cibus in totas usque ab radicibus imis

per trunco ac per ramos diffunditur omnis.

inter saepa meant voces et clausa domorum

transvolitant, rigidum permanat frigus ad ossa,

quod nisi inania sint, qua possint corpora quaeque 355

notes 2: 'lege videndo' Bentl.

334 Bentl. says 'dele vers.'; and Lach.  
shews that sense and grammar prove him to be right. Spengel in the Muenchn.  
Gel. Anz. and others do not mend the matter by placing it after 345.

347 licet Nicc. for liceret. 349 flent Nicc. fient AB: 386 fiat. flat AB:

372 alunt AB: 449 civent AB: 580 civeant AB: this confusion of *l* and *i* is  
perpetual. In the small Roman capital, of the Medicean of Virgil for instance,  
in which some ancestor of our mss. must have been written, these letters are  
often undistinguishable.

356 possint Ed. for possent: by changing the punctuation of 357 I have made the sentence quite plain. Madvig emend. Livianae  
p. 302 n. 'possem possim, posset possit perpetuo errore permutantur', and p. 550  
'possent. scribendum possint. non aberratur fere, ut saepe dixi, nisi ubi una  
littera formae distant; esset pro sit scriptum non reperias'. See 207; and below  
593 597 and 645, in all which places I have written possint for possent. Whether  
with Pont. Junt. Lamb. Lach. etc. you punctuate *Quod n. i. sint, q. possent c. q.*  
*Transire h. u. f. r. v.*, or with Gif. Creech Wak. etc. *Quod, n. i. s. q. p. c. q. Transire, h. u. f. r. v.*, in either case you get hardly grammar or sense: in 357 B and

- transire? haud ulla fieri ratione videres.  
denique cur alias aliis praestare videmus  
pondere res rebus nilo maiore figura?  
nam si tantundemst in lanae glomere quantum      360  
corporis in plumbo est, tantundem pendere par est,  
corporis officiumst quoniam premere omnia deorsum,  
contra autem natura manet sine pondere inanis.  
ergo quod magnumst aequa leviusque videtur,  
nimirum plus esse sibi declarat inanis;      365  
at contra gravius plus in se corporis esse  
dedicat et multo vacui minus intus habere.  
est igitur nimirum id quod ratione sagaci  
quaerimus, admixtum rebus, quod inane vocamus.
- Illud in his rebus ne te deducere vero      370  
possit, quod quidam fingunt, praecurrere cogor.  
cedere squamigeris latices nitentibus aiunt  
et liquidas aperire vias, quia post loca pisces  
linquunt, quo possint cedentes confluere undae;  
sic alias quoque res inter se posse moveri      375  
et mutare locum, quamvis sint omnia plena.  
scilicet id falsa totum ratione receptumst.  
nam quo squamigeri poterunt procedere tandem,  
ni spatium dederint latices? concedere porro  
quo poterunt undae, cum pisces ire nequibunt?      380  
aut igitur motu privandumst corpora quaeque  
aut esse admixtum dicendumst rebus inane  
unde initum primum capiat res quaeque movendi.  
postremo duo de concursu corpora lata  
si cita dissiliant, nempe aer omne necessest,      385  
inter corpora quod fiat, possidat inane.  
is porro quamvis circum celerantibus auris  
confluat, haud poterit tamen uno tempore totum  
compleri spatium; nam primum quemque necessest  
occupet ille locum, deinde omnia possideantur.      390

Gott. for fieri have valerent which appears to come from **ULLA** twice written and **FIEREI**: yet Bernays in 356 reads *qua corpora quaeque valerent* for *qua possent c. q.*      366 *At* Flor. 30 corr. (cod. Nicc.) and Flor. 31 for *aut.*      367 *vacui minus* Pont. Junt. Lamb. etc. for *vacuum minus* B. and Gott. *vacuum* Wak. Lach. etc. retain with A, the Ital. and Camb. mss.      384 *concursu* Gott. p. m. Flor. 30 corr. 31, Pont. Mar. Junt. for *concurso.*      389 *quemque.* *quenque* Pont.

quod si forte aliquis, cum corpora dissiluere,  
tum putat id fieri quia se condenseat aer,  
errat; nam vacuum tum fit quod non fuit ante  
et repletur item vacuum quod constitit ante,  
nec tali ratione potest denserier aer,  
nec, si iam posset, sine inani posset, opinor,  
ipse in se trahere et partis conducere in unum.

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Quapropter, quamvis causando multa moreris,  
esse in rebus inane tamen fateare necessest.

multaque praeterea tibi possum commemorando  
argumenta fidem dictis conradere nostris.

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verum animo satis haec vestigia parva sagaci  
sunt per quae possis cognoscere cetera tute.

namque canes ut montivagae persaepe ferai  
naribus inveniunt intectas fronde quietes,

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cum semel institerunt vestigia certa viai,  
sic alid ex alio per te tute ipse videre

talibus in rebus poteris caecasque latebras  
insinuare omnis et verum protrahere inde.

quod si pigraris paulumve recesseris ab re,  
hoc tibi de plano possum promittere, Memmi:

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usque adeo largos haustus e fontibu' magnis  
lingua meo suavis diti de pectore fundet,

ut verear ne tarda prius per membra senectus  
serpat et in nobis vitai claustra resolvat,

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quam tibi de quavis una re versibus omnis  
argumentorum sit copia missa per auris.

Sed nunc ut repetam coeptum pertexere dictis,  
omnis ut est igitur per se natura duabus

constitit in rebus; nam corpora sunt et inane,  
haec in quo sita sunt et qua diversa moventur.

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corpus enim per se communis dedicat esse  
sensus; cui nisi prima fides fundata valebit,

haut erit occultis de rebus quo referentes

Mar. Ald. 1 Junt. for *quisque*.391 Creech supposes some vss. to be lost after  
this v. 395 *denserier* A corr. Flor. 31 for *condenserier*. 404 *ferai* Nicc.Flor. 31 Camb. etc. for *ferare*. *ferarum* A corr. 411 *de plano* Flor. 31 Mar.Junt. for *deptano*. 412 *magnis* A corr. Nicc. all the Ital. Camb. etc. for*magnes* of A p. m. *amnes* B and Gott. and also same A corr.; whence Bentl. and  
Bern. read *largis haustos e. f. amnis*, making 3 changes. *magneis* Heins. in ms.

- confirmare animi quicquam ratione queamus. 425  
 tum porro locus ac spatium, quod inane vocamus,  
 si nullum foret, haut usquam sita corpora possent  
 esse neque omnino quoquam diversa meare ;  
 id quod iam supera tibi paulo ostendimus ante.  
 praeterea nil est quod possis dicere ab omni 430  
 corpore seiunctum secretumque esse ab inani,  
 quod quasi tertia sit numero natura reperta.  
 nam quodcumque erit, esse aliquid debebit id ipsum;  
 435 cui si tactus erit quamvis levis exiguusque,  
 434 augmine vel grandi vel parvo denique, dum sit, 435  
 corporis augebit numerum summamque sequetur.  
 sin intactile erit, nulla de parte quod ullam  
 rem prohibere queat per se transire meantem,  
 scilicet hoc id erit, vacuum quod inane vocamus.  
 praeterea per se quodcumque erit, aut faciet quid 440  
 aut aliis fungi debebit agentibus ipsum  
 aut erit, ut possunt in eo res esse gerique.  
 at facere et fungi sine corpore nulla potest res  
 nec praebere locum porro nisi inane vacansque.  
 ergo praeter inane et corpora tertia per se 445  
 nulla potest rerum in numero natura relinquiri,  
 nec quae sub sensus cadat ullo tempore nostros  
 nec ratione animi quam quisquam possit apisci.
- Nam quaecumque cluent, aut his coniuncta duabus  
 rebus ea invenies aut horum eventa videbis. 450  
 coniunctum est id quod nusquam sine permitti  
 discidio potis est seiungi seque gregari,  
 pondus uti saxist, calor ignis, liquor aquai.
- TACTUS CORPORIBUS CUNCTIS INTACTUS INANI

notes. 428 *quoquam, quaquam* Ven. Ald. 1 Lamb. etc.; but see notes 2.  
 435 434 rightly transposed by Lach.: centuries before him Flor. 32 in margin had  
 this note, ‘videtur proponere tantum de corpore, dicendo *Augmine vel* etc.; non  
 enim convenient illa nisi corpori. cum tamen de inani quoque intellexisse appareat,  
 ex illo *Sin intactile erit* etc. advertendum diligentius’. Then at bottom ‘si legatur  
*Nam quodcumque...Cui si tactus...Augmine vel...Corporis...patebit sermo’.* 442  
*possunt, possint* Flor. 31 Camb. etc. I now retain the ms. reading: see notes 2 to this  
 v. and II 901 ita ut debent. 451 *nusquam, nunquam* Ver. Ven. and eds. before Lach.  
 wrongly: comp. Aen. v 852 *clavumque...Nusquam amittebat*, and Conington there.  
*permitti* AB rightly: see notes 2. *pernici* vulg. and Lach. 453 *saxist* Lach.  
*saxi est* Wak. for *saxis*. 454 Lach. has proved to be spurious, as a nomin. *intactus*

servitium contra paupertas divitiaeque, 455  
 libertas bellum concordia, cetera quorum  
 adventu manet incolumis natura abituque,  
 haec soliti sumus, ut par est, eventa vocare.  
 tempus item per se non est, sed rebus ab ipsis  
 consequitur sensus, transactum quid sit in aevo, 460  
 tum quae res instet, quid porro deinde sequatur.  
 nec per se quemquam tempus sentire fatendumst  
 semotum ab rerum motu placidaque quiete.  
 denique Tyndaridem raptam belloque subactas  
 Troiugenas gentis cum dicunt esse, videndumst 465  
 ne forte haec per se cogant nos esse fateri,  
 quando ea saecla hominum, quorum haec eventa fuerunt,  
 inrevocabilis abstulerit iam praeterita aetas;  
 namque aliut Teucris, aliut regionibus ipsis  
 eventum dici poterit quodcumque erit actum. 470  
 denique materies si rerum nulla fuisset  
 nec locus ac spatium, res in quo quaeque geruntur,  
 numquam Tyndaridis formae conflatus amore  
 ignis, Alexandri Phrygio sub pectore gliscens,  
 clara accendisset saevi certamina belli, 475  
 nec clam durateus Troianis Pergama partu  
 inflammasset equos nocturno Graiiugenarum;  
 perspicere ut possis res gestas funditus omnis  
 non ita uti corpus per se constare neque esse,  
 nec ratione cluere eadem qua constet inane, 480  
 sed magis ut merito possis eventa vocare  
 corporis atque loci, res in quo quaeque gerantur.  
 Corpora sunt porro partim primordia rerum,

cannot exist, and the datives are not consistent with the genitives of 453 : Lamb. reads *saxis, calor, ignib⁹, liquor aquai* : but Lucr. never uses a dat. in *ai*. 455  
*divitiae* A corr. Nicc. for *diviae*. 458 *eventa* the same for *evento*. 465 *Troiu-*  
*genas*, 476 *Troianis*, 477 *Graiiugenarum* Lach. with A (477 *Graliug.* A) : see Quintil.  
 i 4 11 ‘sciat etiam Ciceroni placuisse, *aio Maiamque geminata i scribere*’; and  
 Priscian inst. vii 19, who rightly says that in the oldest writings you find *eius Pompeius Vulteius Gaius* and the like: often so in extant inscriptions: see too  
 Ribbeck prol. Verg. p. 138, Studemund Rhein. mus. xxi p. 588, and Corssen i  
 p. 18. 467 *fuerunt* Gott. rightly for *fuerit* of AB. *fuere* Nicc. Flor. 31 Camb.  
 etc. 469 *Teucris* Ed. for *terris*. *per sest* Lach. *saeclis* Bern. *rebus* Lamb.  
*terris* and *regionibus* Wak. 480 *cluere* B corr. Flor. 30 corr. Camb. for *luere*.

partim concilio quae constant principiorum.  
 sed quae sunt rerum primordia, nulla potest vis      485  
 stinguere; nam solido vincunt ea corpore demum.  
 etsi difficile esse videtur credere quicquam  
 in rebus solido reperiri corpore posse.  
 transit enim fulmen caeli per saepa domorum,  
 clamor ut ac voces; ferrum candescit in igni      490  
 dissiliuntque fero ferventia saxa vapore;  
 tum labefactatus rigor auri solvitur aestu;  
 tum glacies aeris flamma devicta liquescit;  
 permanat calor argentum penetranteque frigus,  
 quando utrumque manu retinentes pocula rite      495  
 sensimus infuso lympharum rore superne.  
 usque adeo in rebus solidi nil esse videtur.  
 sed quia vera tamen ratio naturaque rerum  
 cogit, ades, paucis dum versibus expediamus  
 esse ea quae solido atque aeterno corpore constent,      500  
 semina quae rerum primordiaque esse docemus,  
 unde omnis rerum nunc constet summa creata.

Principio quoniam duplex natura duarum  
 dissimilis rerum longe constare repertast,  
 corporis atque loci, res in quo quaeque geruntur,      505  
 esse utramque sibi per se puramque necessest.  
 nam quacumque vacat spatium, quod inane vocamus,  
 corpus ea non est; qua porro cumque tenet se  
 corpus, ea vacuum nequaquam constat inane.  
 sunt igitur solida ac sine inani corpora prima.      510  
 praeterea quoniam genitis in rebus inanest,  
 materiem circum solidam constare necessest,  
 nec res ulla potest vera ratione probari  
 corpore inane suo celare atque intus habere,  
 si non, quod cohibet, solidum constare relinquas.      515  
 id porro nil esse potest nisi materiali

*constet A Nicc. constat B Gott.*      484 *quae B corr. Camb. corr. for qua.*      486  
*Stinguere AB. Stringere A corr. Nicc. and all later mss. and eds. before Lach.: but*  
*Flor. 30 has Stinguere in marg.*      489 *fulmen A corr. B corr. Nicc. corr. for*  
*flumen. Lach. strangely reads caelum, p. s. domorum Cl. it, as if the air, like a*  
*stone wall, were a good instance of a very solid thing: all mss. have caeli and ut.*  
*ac Avanc. first for ad.*      491 *ferventia Mar. Junt. and Lamb. ed. 1 for ferventi.*      492 *tum Brix. Ver. Ven. for cum.*      500 *constent B corr. for con-*

concilium, quod inane queat rerum cohibere.  
 materies igitur, solido quae corpore constat,  
 esse aeterna potest, cum cetera dissoluantur.  
 tum porro si nil esset quod inane vocaret, 520  
 omne foret solidum; nisi contra corpora certa  
 essent quae loca complerent quaecumque tenerent,  
 omne quod est, spatium vacuum constaret inane.  
 alternis igitur nimirum corpus inani  
 distinctumst, quoniam nec plenum naviter extat 525  
 nec porro vacuum. sunt ergo corpora certa  
 quae spatium pleno possint distinguere inane.  
 haec neque dissolui plagis extrinsecus icta  
 possunt nec porro penitus penetrata retexi  
 nec ratione queunt alia temptata labare;  
 id quod iam supra tibi paulo ostendimus ante. 530  
 nam neque conlidi sine inani posse videtur  
 quicquam nec frangi nec findi in bina secando  
 nec capere umorem neque item manabile frigus  
 nec penetralem ignem, quibus omnia conficiuntur.  
 et quo quaeque magis cohibet res intus inane, 535  
 tam magis his rebus penitus temptata labascit.  
 ergo si solida ac sine inani corpora prima  
 sunt ita uti docui, sint haec aeterna necessest.  
 praeterea nisi materies aeterna fuisse, 540  
 antehac ad nilum penitus res quaeque redissent  
 de niloque renata forent quaecumque videmus.  
 at quoniam supra docui nil posse creari  
 de nilo neque quod genitum est ad nil revocari,  
 esse inmortali primordia corpore debent, 545  
 dissolui quo quaeque supremo tempore possint,  
 materies ut subpeditet rebus reparandis.

*stet.*      504 *rerum longe.* ‘leg. *longe rerum*’ Bentl.      517 *inane queat*  
*rerum* seems quite right. *inane in rebū queat* Lach. *tectum* Mar. Ald. 1 Junt.  
 Lamb. ed. 1 and 2, *verum* Bern. for *rerum*.      520 *esset* A corr. Avanc. for *est*.  
*siquidem nil est* Nicc. *vocaret* is the old form: see notes 2. *vacaret* Lach.      525  
*Distinctumst, quoniam* Lamb. most rightly for *Distinctum quoniam* which Lach.  
 retains beginning the apodosis with *sunt ergo* in 526. Ald. 1 and Junt. seem to  
 take *distinctum* for *distinctum est* and to understand the passage rightly.      527  
*pleno* Mar. Ald. 1 and Junt. for *poena*, and *inane* for *inani*.      533 *findi* Flor.  
 31 Mon. Ver. Ven. for *jundi*.      542 *que renata* Lamb. for *quaeranta*.

sunt igitur solida primordia simplicitate  
nec ratione queunt alia servata per aevom  
ex infinito iam tempore res reparare.

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Denique si nullam finem natura parasset  
frangendis rebus, iam corpora materiai  
usque redacta forent aevo frangente priore,  
ut nil ex illis a certo tempore posset  
conceptum sumnum aetatis pervadere *ad auctum.*

555

nam quidvis citius dissolvi posse videmus  
quam rursus refici; quapropter longa diei  
infinita aetas anteacti temporis omnis  
quod fregisset adhuc disturbans dissoluensque,

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numquam reliquo reparari tempore posset.  
at nunc nimirum frangendi reddita finis  
certa manet, quoniam refici rem quamque videmus  
et finita simul generatim tempora rebus  
stare, quibus possint aevi contingere florem.

huc accedit uti, solidissima materiai  
corpora cum constant, possit tamen, omnia, reddi,

551—627: Junt. puts 577—583 after 627, and 551—564 after 583. At the end of his edition Candidus says ‘Marulli nos hoc loco ordinem, atque item alibi in plerisque, ubi immutatum quid offenderis, secutos esse’; and so Marullus himself in the cod. Victor.: but he appears from Flor. 30 to have got the suggestion from Niccoli himself. The learned annotator of Flor. 32 says in the margin to 550 that some put 551—564 after 576, and adds ‘verum Marullo parum referre videtur quomodo legatur’, shewing again that there were different traditions about Marullus. Lamb. places only 577—583 after 627. All these transpositions are utterly wrong, though Candidus says of Marullus ‘quem profecto, si ad amussim rem quanque examinabis, neutiquam (sic opinor) repudiaveris’. Sauppe, Christ and others likewise transpose in various ways these much-tortured vss.: the misapprehension of 599—634 is at the bottom of such causeless changes. 553 *forent* B corr.

Nicc. for *fovent*. 555 *ad auctum* Ed. These words came at the end of page 23 of the archetype from which all mss. are derived, and therefore were at the outside margin and, as has happened in so many cases, were torn away by some accident. Some one then filled up the verse with *finis* which occurs three times at the end of a line in the next thirty verses. Lach. keeps *finis* and for *summum* reads *summa* which he thus awkwardly explains, ‘*summa*, hoc est universo vivendi actu, *aetatis pervadere fines*, per omne vitae spatium vadere’. *summum...florem* Mar. Junt. Lamb. ed. 1 and 2, Creech etc. which Lach. proves could only mean ‘pass through’ not ‘arrive at the flower’. *summum...finem* Flor. 30 corr. Ver. Ven. Lamb. ed. 3, Wak. etc. This is doubly wrong, as *finis* in Lucretius is always feminine. 562 *quamque videmus* B corr. Nicc. for *quamque demus*. 566 *possit* Ed. for *possint*, a corruption which *constant* and *omnia* almost inevitably caused. [Sauppe I am

mollia quae fiunt, aer aqua terra vapores,  
 quo pacto fiant et qua vi quaeque gerantur,  
 admixtum quoniam semel est in rebus inane.  
 at contra si mollia sint primordia rerum, 570  
 unde queant validi silices ferrumque creari  
 non poterit ratio reddi; nam funditus omnis  
 principio fundamenti natura carebit.  
 sunt igitur solida pollutia simplicitate  
 quorum condenso magis omnia conciliatu 575  
 artari possunt validasque ostendere viris.

Porro si nullast frangendis redditia finis  
 corporibus, tamen ex aeterno tempore quaeque  
 nunc etiam superare necesset corpora rebus,  
 quae nondum clueant ullo temptata periculo. 580  
 at quoniam fragili natura praedita constant,  
 discrepat aeternum tempus potuisse manere  
 innumerabilibus plagis vexata per aevom.  
 denique iam quoniam generatim redditia finis  
 crescendi rebus constat vitamque tenendi, 585  
 et quid quaeque queant per foedera naturai,  
 quid porro nequeant, sancitum quandoquidem extat,  
 nec commutatur quicquam, quin omnia constant  
 usque adeo, variae volucres ut in ordine cunctae  
 ostendant maculas generalis corpore inesse, 590  
 immutabili' materiae quoque corpus habere  
 debent nimirum. nam si primordia rerum  
 commutari aliqua possint ratione revicta,  
 incertum quoque iam constet quid possit oriri,  
 quid nequeat, finita potestas denique cuique 595  
 quanam sit ratione atque alte terminus haerens,

glad to see has fallen on the same conj. independently of me, as he makes no mention even of my ed. of 1860.] Lach. puts 568 after 585, where it is wholly out of place; Bentl. ejects it; Mar. and Junt. read *fiunt* and *geruntur*; and *fiant* in 567. Lamb. Creech etc. *cumque gerantur*: all corrupting the text and making Lucretius assert the absurd truism that all things which do become soft can become soft. 578 *quaeque*. *quaedam* Lamb. and Lach. 585 *crescendi* Ver. Ven. for *crescendis*. 588 *commutatur* B corr. Nicc. for *comitatur*. *constant*. *constent* Lach. 591 *inmutabili'* Lach. first for *inmutabiles*. *inmutabile* Flor. 31 Flor. 30 corr. vulgo absurdly. 593 and 597 *possint* Ed. for *possent*; which *constet* in 594 proves to be necessary: see 356 and note there: here too *possint* easily becomes *possent*, though *constet* does not pass into *constaret* so readily.

nec totiens possint generatim saecla referre  
naturam mores victum motusque parentum.

Tum porro quoniam est extremum quodque cacumen

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corporis illius quod nostri cernere sensus iam nequeunt: id nimirum sine partibus extat et minima constat natura nec fuit umquam per se secretum neque posthac esse valebit, alterius quoniamst ipsum pars, primaque et una inde aliae atque aliae similes ex ordine partes agmine condenso naturam corporis explent, quae quoniam per se nequeunt constare, necessest haerere unde queant nulla ratione revelli. <b>sunt</b> igitur solida primordia simplicitate quae minimis stipata cohaerent partibus arte, non ex illarum conventu conciliata, <b>sed</b> magis aeterna pollutia simplicitate, unde neque avelli quicquam neque deminui iam concedit natura reservans semina rebus. praeterea nisi erit minimum, parvissima quaeque <b>corpora</b> constabunt ex partibus infinitis, quippe ubi dimidia partis pars semper habebit dimidiad partem nec res prae finiet ulla. ergo rerum inter summam minimamque quid escit? nil erit ut distet; nam quamvis funditus omnis summa sit infinita, tamen, parvissima quae sunt, <b>ex</b> infinitis constabunt partibus aeque. <b>quod</b> quoniam ratio reclamat vera negatque	600 605 610 615 620
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599—634: this passage which is difficult, but not corrupt, has been sadly mutilated by all editors from Lambinus to Lachmann and Bernays, who all in different ways force on Lucretius a succession of absurd and self-contradictory assertions. There seems after 599 to be a hiatus such as this *Corporibus, quod iam nobis minimum esse videtur, Debet item ratione pari minimum esse cacumen Corporis* etc.: besides this *illarum* for *illorum* in 611 is the sole change I have made, two or three slight and obvious errors of AB having been corrected in the later mss. or older editions: 599 for *quoniam* Lach. *quianam*, Bern. *quod iam*: 600 for *illius* Lach. and Bern. *ullius*. Lamb. *quoniam ext. quoiusque c. Cor. est aliquod*: 611 Lach. *ullorum* after Ald. 1 Junt. Lamb. etc.: 628 and 631 Lamb. followed by all subsequent editors perversely reads *ni* for *si*, *multis* for *nullis*. 608 *nulla Flor.* 31 *Ver.* *Ven.* etc. for *ulla*. *ut nequeant ulla* B corr. which may be right.

613 *iam* Flor. 31 *Ver.* *Ven.* etc. for *tam.* 626 *constant* Ald. *Junt.* for *con-*

credere posse animum, victus fateare necessest  
esse ea quae nullis iam praedita partibus extent  
et minima constent natura. quae quoniam sunt,  
illa quoque esse tibi solida atque aeterna fatendum.  
denique si minimas in partis cuncta resolvi  
cogere consuessed rerum natura creatrix,  
iam nil ex illis eadem reparare valeret  
propterea quia, quae nullis sunt partibus aucta,  
non possunt ea quae debet genitalis habere  
materies, varios conexus pondera plagas  
concursum motus, per quae res quaeque geruntur.

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Quapropter qui materiem rerum esse putarunt  
ignem atque ex igni summam consistere solo,  
magno opere a vera lapsi ratione videntur.  
Heraclitus init quorum dux proelia primus,  
clarus *ob* obscuram linguam magis inter inanis  
quamde gravis inter Graios qui vera requirunt.  
omnia enim stolidi magis admirantur amantque,  
inversis quae sub verbis latitantia cernunt,  
veraque constituunt quae belle tangere possunt  
auris et lepido quae sunt fucata sonore.

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Nam cur tam variae res possint esse requiro,  
*ex uno* si sunt igni puroque creatae ;  
nil prodesset enim calidum denserier ignem  
nec rarefieri, si partes ignis eandem  
naturam quam totus habet super ignis haberent.  
acrior ardor enim conductis partibus esset,  
languidior porro disiectis *disque* supatis :  
amplius hoc fieri nil est quod posse rearis  
talibus in causis, nedum variantia rerum  
tanta queat densis rarisque ex ignibus esse.  
id quoque, si faciant admixtum rebus inane,  
denseri poterunt ignes rarique relinqu.  
sed quia multa sibi cernunt contraria nasci

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*stant.* 634 *quae res* Mar. Junt. for *quas res.* 639 *ob* added by Festus.

645 *cur possint esse requiro,...si sunt* Ed. for *cur possent? requiro* etc.: comp.  
above 356 593 and 597. 646 *uno* B corr. Turnebus Lamb. ed. 3, Lach. for  
*uro.* 647 *vero* A corr. Nicc. Flor. 31 Camb. Vat. Lamb. ed. 1 and 2, Creech. 649  
*haberent* Nicc. for *haberet* A, *habere* B Gott. 651 *disiectis disque* A corr. Flor.  
30 corr. for *disiectisque.* 657 *nasci* Ed. for *muse* A, *mu* B Gott. This word

et fugit in rebus inane relinquere purum,  
ardua dum metuunt, amittunt vera viai,  
nec rursum cernunt exempto rebus inani  
omnia denseri fierique ex omnibus unum  
corpus, nil ab se quod possit mittere raptim;  
aestifer ignis uti lumen iacit atque vaporem,  
ut videas non e stipatis partibus esse.  
quod si forte alia credunt ratione potesse  
ignis in coetu stingui mutareque corpus,  
scilicet ex nulla facere id si parte reparcent,  
occidet ad nilum nimirum funditus ardor  
omnis et e nilo fient quaecumque creatur.  
nam quodecumque suis mutatum finibus exit,  
continuo hoc mors est illius quod fuit ante.  
proinde aliquit superare necesse est incolumem ollis,  
ne tibi res redeant ad nilum funditus omnes  
de niloque renata vigescat copia rerum.  
nunc igitur quoniam certissima corpora quaedam  
sunt quae conservant naturam semper eandem,  
quorum abitu aut aditu mutatoque ordine mutant  
naturam res et convertunt corpora sese,  
scire licet non esse haec ignea corpora rerum.  
nil referret enim quaedam decadere abire,  
atque alia adtribui, mutarique ordine quaedam,  
si tamen ardoris naturam cuncta tenerent;

was the last in p. 27 of the archetype and therefore on the outside margin, and as in many other cases had become partly illegible. *mussant* Flor. 31 Camb. Pont. Lamb. ed. 2 and 3, etc. without sense. *multi* Mar. Junt. Lamb. ed. 1, etc. *inesse* Flor. 30 corr. Ver. Ven. Ald. 1 *Candidus* at end of *Junt.* *Memmi* Heins. in ms. notes. ‘*amusoe* i.e. *ἀμονοι*’ Is. Voss. in ms. notes. *adesse* Lach. *amussim* Bern. ‘*illud* Lucretio Bernaysius restituens cedet hodie nisi fallor H. Munroni *nasci* emendant’ Ritschl opusc. II p. 272. 659 *vera viai* A corr. for *ver aula*. 660 *inani* Flor. 30 corr. Mar. Junt. for *inane*. 662 *raptim* Pont. Avanc. for *raptis*. ‘*quidam raptim* agnoscunt. *Marullus natum*’ *Candidus* at end of *Junt.* and so Flor. 30 corr. and Mar. in cod. Viet. 665 *alia* Lach. rightly for *mia*. *ulla* Mar. Ald. 1 *Junt.* etc. *una* Nicc. etc. 666 *coetu stingui* Pont. Turneb. Lamb. ed. 2 and 3, etc. for *coetus stingui*. *mutare* Mar. Junt. for *musare*. Ver. Ven. Mar. Ald. 1 Lamb. ed. 1 have absurdly *in coetus stringi massareque corpus*; and Flor. 31 Camb. *mussare*. 668 *funditus* B corr. for *funditur*. *ardor* A corr. Nicc. for *arbor*. 674 *vigescat* Heins. in notes and Lach. for *vivescat*: comp. 757. *virescat* Nicc. vulg. 680 *decedere* Lamb. Lach. etc. for *descendere*, *discedere* A corr. Mar. Junt. etc. 681 *alia* Mar. Lamb. most rightly for *alio*

ignis enim foret omnimodis quodcumque crearent.  
 verum, ut opinor, itast: sunt quaedam corpora quorum  
 concursus motus ordo positura figurae 685  
 efficiunt ignis, mutatoque ordine mutant  
 naturam neque sunt igni simulata neque ulli  
 praetera rei quae corpora mittere possit  
 sensibus et nostros adiectu tangere tactus.

Dicere porro ignem res omnis esse neque ullam  
 rem veram in numero rerum constare nisi ignem,  
 quod facit hic idem, perdelirum esse videtur.  
 nam contra sensus ab sensibus ipse repugnat  
 et labefactat eos unde omnia credita pendent,  
 unde hic cognitus est ipsi quem nominat ignem;  
 credit enim sensus ignem cognoscere vere, 695  
 cetera non credit, quae nilo clara minus sunt.  
 quod mihi cum vanum tum delirum esse videtur;  
 quo referemus enim? quid nobis certius ipsis  
 sensibus esse potest, qui vera ac falsa notemus?  
 praetera quare quisquam magis omnia tollat 700  
 et velit ardoris naturam linquere solam,  
 quam neget esse ignis, *quidvis* tamen esse relinquat?  
 aequa videtur enim dementia dicere utrumque.

Quapropter qui materiem rerum esse putarunt 705  
 ignem atque ex igni summam consistere posse,  
 et qui principium gignundis aera rebus  
 constituere, aut umorem quicunque putarunt  
 fingere res ipsum per se, terramve creare  
 omnia et in rerum naturas vertier omnis,  
 magno opere a vero longe derrasse videntur. 710  
 adde etiam qui conduplicant primordia rerum  
 aera iungentes igni terramque liquori,  
 et qui quattuor ex rebus posse omnia rentur  
 ex igni terra atque anima procrescere et imbri. 715  
 quorum Acragantinus cum primis Empedocles est,

which Lach. retains. Candidus at end of Junt. ‘*alio pro alii positum. sunt qui alia legunt*’, i.e. Mar. 683 *crearent* Lamb. first for *crearet*. 690 *ignem* B corr. for *iq. nem.* 703 *quidvis* Lach. *summam* Nicc. and all before Lach. AB Gott. omit the word, which must be uncertain. 708 *putarunt* Nicc. B corr. for *putantur* B, A corr., *putant* A p. m. 710 *vertier* B corr. Nicc. for *verti*.

711 *longe derrasse* Vat. 3275, and unless I err 1136 Othob., for *longi derrasse* of

insula quem triquetris terrarum gessit in oris,  
 quam fluitans circum magnis anfractibus aequor  
 Ionium glaucis aspargit virus ab undis,  
 angustoque fretu rapidum mare dividit undis      720  
 Italiae terrarum oras a finibus eius.

hic est vasta Charybdis et hic Actnaca minantur  
 murmura flaminmarum rursum se colligere iras,  
 faucibus eruptos iterum vis ut vomat ignis  
 ad caelumque ferat flamma fulgura rursum.      725  
 quae cum magna modis multis miranda videtur  
 gentibus humanis regio visendaque fertur,  
 rebus opima bonis, multa munita virum vi,  
 nil tamen hoc habuisse viro praeclarious in se  
 nec sanctum magis et mirum carumque videtur.      730  
 carmina quin etiam divini pectoris eius  
 vociferantur et exponunt praeclara reperta,  
 ut vix humana videatur stirpe creatus.

Hic tamen et supra quos diximus inferiores  
 partibus egregie multis multoque minores,      735  
 quamquam multa bene ac divinitus invenientes  
 ex adyto tamquam cordis responsa dedere  
 sanctius et multo certa ratione magis quam  
 Pythia quae tripodi a Phoebi lauroque profatur,  
 principiis tamen in rerum fecere ruinas      740  
 et graviter magni magno cecidere ibi casu;  
 primum quod motus exempto rebus inani  
 constituunt, et res mollis rarasque relinquont,  
 aera solem ignem terras animalia frugis,

B Gott. A corr. *longi errasse* A p. m. *longeque errasse* Nicc. etc.      720 *undis.*  
*undans* Lach. *almae* Bern., without cause. Priscian 1 35 confirms *undis.*      721  
*Italiae* Nicc. for *Haeliae*. *Haeolieae* A corr. *Aeoliae* Heins. in ms. notes and  
 Is. Vossius who says in ms. notes 'mss. habent *Haeolieae* vel *Aeoliae*'. Puto olim  
 sic dictam eam partem Italiae quam inhabitavit Jocastes Aeoli filius qui ad fretum  
 Siculum habitabat: vid: Diodorum lib. 5. [ch. 8] G. V.' Thus Preiger and Lach-  
 mann's doubt is solved. Haverc. and Wak. also adopt this reading of Gerard  
 father of Is. Vossius.      724 *vis ut vomat* Lamb. ed. 3 for *vis ut omniat.* *ut vis*  
*evomat* ed. 1 and 2 after Mar. Ald. 1 Junt. etc.      725 Heins. in ms. notes  
 'leg. sursum', to avoid the repetition of *rursum*.      737 *adyto* Nicc. for  
*adito.*      739 *profatur* A corr. Nicc. for *prosatur.*      741 *casu* A corr. Nicc. for *causa.*

744 *frugis* AB Flor. 31 etc. not Nicc.: so iv 577 and 992 *vocis* AB. *fruges* Lach.  
 and l. l. *voces*: he says '[membranas] quamvis consentientes imitari ausus non

nec tamen admiscent in eorum corpus inane; 745  
 deinde quod omnino finem non esse secundis  
 corporibus faciunt neque pausam stare fragori  
 nec prorsum in rebus minimum consistere *quicquam*;  
 cum videamus id extremum cuiusque cacumen  
 esse quod ad sensus nostros minimum esse videtur, 750  
 conicere ut possis ex hoc, quae cernere non quis  
 extremum quod habent, minimum consistere *in illis*.  
*huc accedit item, quoniam primordia rerum*  
*mollia constituunt, quae nos nativa videmus* 755  
*esse et mortali cum corpore funditus, utqui*  
*debeat ad nilum iam rerum summa reverti*  
*de niloque renata vigescere copia rerum;*  
*quorum utrumque quid a vero iam distet habebis.*  
*deinde inimica modis multis sunt atque veneno*  
*ipsa sibi inter se; quare aut congressa peribunt* 760  
*aut ita diffugient ut tempestate coacta*  
*fulmina diffugere atque imbris ventosque videmus.*

Denique quattuor ex rebus si cuncta creatur  
 atque in eas rursum res omnia dissoluuntur,  
 qui magis illa queunt rerum primordia dici 765  
 quam contra res illorum retroque putari?  
 alternis dignuntur enim mutantque colorem  
 et totam inter se naturam tempore ab omni.  
 sin ita forte putas ignis terraeque coire 770

sum hoc loco, ubi habent *frugis*, neque in rv 577 991 1000, ubi *vocis*; quamquam apud Nonium p. 149 16 e Varrone scriptum est *pacis*, et Manilii exemplaria in III 446 habent *lucis*'. But Varro de ling. Lat. ix 76 observes '*frugi* rectus est natura *frux*, at secundum consuetudinem dicimus ut *haec avis, haec ovis, sic haec frugis*'. I have no doubt then that the accus. plur. *frugis* and *vocis* come from Lucr. as well as *religionis* and the like; and that an abl. *frugi* was possible. Augustus in the monum. Ancyrr. III 2 has *consulis* acc. plur. 747 *faciunt* Flor. 31 Camb. for *ficiunt*. 748 *quiequam* Mar. Ald. 1 and Junt. for *qui*. *quire* Flor. 31 Camb. Vat. 1136 Othob. which may be right. 752 *in illis* I have added; and these must I think be the actual words of the poet: see Camb. Journ. of phil. I p. 29. *prorsum* Lach. who quite misunderstands the argument. *rebus* Nicc. and all before Lach. 755 *utqui* of mss. is quite right: see notes 2. Lach. reads 753 *utei* for *item*, and here *funditus usque*. 758 *habebis* A corr. Nicc. etc. for *habes*. *habebas* Lamb. vulg. wrongly. 759 *veneno* Wak. Lach. for *vene*. *venena* Flor. 31 Camb. vulgo: this l. ended p. 31 of the lost archetype; and therefore these four mutilated endings of verses were on the outer margin. 767 *Alternis* A corr. for *Aternis*. 769=762, repeated without mean-

- corpus et aerias auras roremque liquoris,  
nil in concilio naturam ut mutet eorum,  
nulla tibi ex illis poterit res esse creata,  
non animans, non ex animo cum corpore, ut arbos : 775  
quippe suam quicque in coetu variantis acervi  
naturam ostendet mixtusque videbitur aer  
cum terra simul atque ardor cum rore manere.  
at primordia gignundis in rebus oportet  
naturam clandestinam caecamque adhibere,  
emineat nequid quod contra pugnet et obstet 780  
quominus esse queat proprie quocumque creatur.
- Quin etiam repetunt a caelo atque ignibus eius  
et primum faciunt ignem se vertere in auras  
aeris, hinc imbre gigni terramque creari  
ex imbri retroque a terra cuncta reverti, 785  
umorem primum, post aera, deinde calorem,  
nec cessare haec inter se mutare, meare  
a caelo ad terram, de terra ad sidera mundi.  
quod facere haud ulli debent primordia pacto ;  
immutabile enim quiddam superare necesset, 790  
ne res ad nilum redigantur funditus omnes.  
nam quocumque suis mutatum finibus exit,  
continuo hoc mors est illius quod fuit ante.  
quapropter quoniam quae paulo diximus ante  
in commutatum veniunt, constare necesset  
ex aliis ea, quae nequeant convertier usquam, 795  
ne tibi res redeant ad nilum funditus omnes.  
quin potius tali natura praedita quaedam  
corpora constituas, ignem si forte crearint,  
posse eadem demptis paucisque tributis, 800

ing. 772 *ut B corr. Flor. 31 Camb. for et.* 774 *animans Pont. Mar.*  
*Junt. for animas.* 775 *quicque in coetu Mar. Junt. for quisque in coetum.*

776 *ostendet Flor. 31 Avanc. for ostendit.* 777 *atq. ardor cum rore Lamb.*  
*acutely for et quodam cum rore.* 778 *rebus oportet. rebu' necesset Lach.*  
*Bern.* without any necessity: if Ennius Accius Seneca Catullus, Virgil in his  
*eclogues,* Propertius Ovid and others can use the word, it is not too prosaic for  
*Luer.* 780 *Emineat Naugerius first for demineat.* 781 *creatur A corr. for*  
*creatias.* 784 785 *hinc imbre, ex imbri, a terra Mar. Ald. 1 and Junt. for*  
*hinc ignem, ex igni, in terram :* the change is peremptorily required: Catullus 62 7  
*imbres mss. for ignes.* 789 *pacto Mon. Ald. 1 Junt. for facto.* 806 *ut*

ordine mutato et motu, facere aeris auras,  
sic alias aliis rebus mutarier omnis?

'At manifesta palam res indicat' inquis 'in auras  
aeris e terra res omnis crescere aliique;

et nisi tempestas indulget tempore fausto

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imbris, ut tabe nimborum arbusta vacillent,

solque sua pro parte fovet tribuitque calorem,

crescere non possint fruges arbusta animantis'.

scilicet et nisi nos cibus aridus et tener umor

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adiuvet, amisso iam corpore vita quoque omnis

omnibus e nervis atque ossibus exsoluatur;

adiutamur enim dubio procul atque alimur nos

certis ab rebus, certis aliae atque aliae res.

nimirum quia multa modis communia multis

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multarum rerum in rebus primordia mixta

sunt, ideo variae res rebus aluntur.

atque eadem magni refert primordia saepe

cum quibus et quali positura contineantur

et quos inter se dent motus accipiantque;

namque eadem caelum mare terras flumina solem

820

constituunt, eadem fruges arbusta animantis,

verum aliis alioque modo commixta moventur.

quin etiam passim nostris in versibus ipsis

825

multa elementa vides multis communia verbis,

cum tamen inter se versus ac verba necessest

confiteare et re et sonitu distare sonanti.

tantum elementa queunt permutato ordine solo;

at rerum quae sunt primordia, plura adhibere

possunt unde queant variae res quaeque creari.

Nunc et Anaxagorae scrutemur homoeomerian

830

Prisc. for *et* of mss.: this change of a letter, as Bern. has seen, gives *imbris* to the preceding sentence and completely restores the fine passage, which Lach. deplorably disfigures by transposing 806 and 807 and changing *arbusta* into *ambusta*, as if rain forsooth could like 'frost perform the effect of fire'. Lamb. and Gif. ed. 1 *et...vacillant*, the vulgate. Gif. ed. 2 keeps *et...vacillent* of mss. and says 'q. v. Marull. et vulg. *focillant*, q. v. *vacillant*, male'. Now Ald. 1 has *et tabes...focillant*. Ver. Ven. read *et tale...facillent*, whence comes *focillant*. Marullus in cod. Victor. makes no change. 814 *multa modis* Lamb. for *multimodis*. 824 *verbis* Flor. 31 Camb. Vat. Pont. Mar. etc. for *bellis*: see Lach. 830 *et. ut* Lach.: in five other places he changes *et*, and in two

quam Grai memorant nec nostra dicere lingua  
concedit nobis patrii sermonis egestas,  
sed tamen ipsam rem facilest exponere verbis.  
principio, rerum quom dicit homoeomerian,  
ossa videlicet e pauxillis atque minutis  
ossibus hic et de pauxillis atque minutis  
visceribus viscus gigni sanguenque creari  
sanguinis inter se multis coeuntib' guttis  
ex aurique putat micis consistere posse  
aurum et de terris terram concrescere parvis,  
ignibus ex ignis, umorem umoribus esse,  
cetera consimili fingit ratione putatque. 835  
nec tamen esse ulla parte idem in rebus inane  
concedit neque corporibus finem esse secundis.  
quare in utraque mihi pariter ratione videtur  
errare atque illi, supra quos diximus ante. 845  
adde quod inbecilla nimis primordia fingit;  
si primordia sunt, simili quae praedita constant  
natura atque ipsae res sunt aequaque laborant  
et pereunt neque ab exitio res ulla refrenat.  
nam quid in oppressu valido durabit eorum,  
ut mortem effugiat, leti sub dentibus ipsis?  
ignis an umor an aura? quid horum? sanguen an ossa?

gives a far-fetched interpretation, because he says Lucr. could not use *et* for *etiam*. 834 *quom* Lach. for *quam*. Lamb. reads *Principium rerum quam* and joins it with what precedes: he is followed by all before Lach. and may be right. ‘quid quod ita ne dixit quidem usquam Lucretius, sed *rerum principia*’ 740 1047 n. 789’ says Lach. Yes, because his *primordia* are plural; but 1 707 he writes *Et qui principium gignundis aera rebus Constituere* of those who have one first-beginning of things. 835 e Pont. Mar. Ald. 1 Junt. for *de*.

839 840 *aurique...aurum*: as he immediately enumerates the three other elements, Bentl. proposes *auraeque...auram*. ‘quid hic aurum? oculos credo interpretum praestinxit...Simplic. tamen [in Arist. phys. fol. 6 b] de Anaxag. πάντα ὅμοιομερῆ οἷον τὸ ὕδωρ ἡ πῦρ ἡ χρυσόν etc.’ This and other passages seem to defend the text: see notes 2: yet comp. 853. 841 *ignis, umorem. ignem,* *umorem ex* Lamb. and the plur. is awkward. 843 *ulla parte idem* Nicc. vulgo *for ulla idem parte.* *ulla idem ex parte* Lach. because Lucr. he says only omits the preposition when a genitive is added; but *in rebus* seems equivalent to one: comp. Juven. vi 437 *Adque alia parte in trutina suspendit Homerum.* 846 *illi supra quos* marg. Flor. 32 Ald. 1 Junt. for *illis uira quod A, quo B Gott. illis juxta quod Camb.* Vat. 1954 Othob. *viris iuxta quos Flor. 31 illis iuxta Ang. Politian in marg. Flor. 29.*

847 *inbecilla* Flor. 31 Camb. for *inbecilia.*

852 *effugiat* B corr. Flor. 31

nil, ut opinor, ubi ex aequo res funditus omnis  
tam mortalis erit quam quae manifesta videmus      855  
ex oculis nostris aliqua vi victa perire.

at neque recidere ad nilum res posse neque autem  
crescere de nilo testor res ante probatas.

praeterea quoniam cibus auget corpus alitque,  
scire licet nobis venas et sanguen et ossa      860

sive cibos omnis commixto corpore dicent  
esse et habere in se nervorum corpora parva  
ossa que et omnino venas partisque cruaris,  
fiet uti cibus omnis, et aridus et liquor ipse,  
ex alienigenis rebus constare putetur,  
ossibus et nervis sanieque et sanguine mixto.  
praeterea quaecumque e terra corpora crescunt  
si sunt in terris, terram constare necesset  
ex alienigenis, quae terris exoriuntur.

transfer item, totidem verbis utare licebit.      870  
in lignis si flamma latet fumusque cinisque,  
ex alienigenis consistant ligna necesset.

praeterea tellus quae corpora cumque alit, auget

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ex alienigenis, quae lignis his oriuntur.

Pont. Mar. for efficiat.      853 sanguen an ossa marg. Flor. 32 Pont. Lamb.  
for sanguis an os. sanguis was unknown to Luer.: iv 1050 sanguis unde; vi 1203  
sanguis expletis: see Lach. and add Sen. Med. 776 and Val. Flacc. iii 234  
sanguis. Flor. 31 does not as Lach. says read sanguis an, an os. sanguen os  
aurum Lach., an awkward and improbable correction.      860: the verse lost  
here Lamb. thus supplies, *Et nervos alienigenis ex partibus esse*; which must be  
very like what Luer. wrote.      861 Sive Flor. 31 Camb. for Sine.      corpore  
Nicc. for core.      862 Esse et Nicc. for Esset.      866 sanieque. venisque  
Avanc. Lamb. Lach. wrongly: see notes 2: Avancius formed his text by cor-  
recting Ven. and it and Ver. have sanisque; hence venis.      mixto Lach. after  
Mar. Ald. 1 Junt. Lamb. which have misto. mixtim Politian in marg. Flor. 29,  
which may be right.      873 here there is I believe a hiatus of two or more  
verses, which I formerly supplied thus, *Ex alienigenis quae tellure exoriuntur.*  
*Sic itidem quae ligna emittunt corpora, aluntur Ex cet.*: comp. especially 859—866  
and notes 2.      In 874 I have added his after lignis. I hardly understand  
Lach. who reads *quae alienigenis oriuntur*: see also Luc. Mueller de re metrica  
p. 284, who seems to prove that a monosyll. diphthong is never elided before  
a short vowel. Mar. Junt. followed by Gif. Creech omit both 873 and 874,  
Lamb. followed by Wak. only 873; which seems absurd: he reads in 874 *lignis*

875

Linquitur hic quaedam latitandi copia tenuis,  
id quod Anaxagoras sibi sumit, ut omnibus omnis  
res putet inmixtas rebus latitare, sed illud  
apparere unum cuius sint plurima mixta  
et magis in promptu primaque in fronte locata.  
quod tamen a vera longe ratione repulsumst.      880  
conveniebat enim fruges quoque saepe, minaci  
robore cum saxi franguntur, mittere signum  
sanguinis aut aliquid, nostro quae corpore aluntur.  
885 consimili ratione herbis quoque saepe decebat,  
884 cum lapidi in lapidem terimus, manare cruem:      885  
et latices dulcis guttas similique sapore  
mittere, lanigerae quali sunt ubere lactis,  
scilicet et glebis terrarum saepe friatis  
herbarum genera et fruges frondesque videri  
dispertita inter terram latitare minute,      890  
postremo in lignis cinerem fumumque videri,  
cum praefracta forent, ignisque latere minutos.  
quorum nil fieri quoniam manifesta docet res,  
scire licet non esse in rebus res ita mixtas,  
verum semina multimodis inmixta latere      895  
multarum rerum in rebus communia debent.

890

'At saepe in magnis fit montibus' inquis 'ut altis  
arboribus vicina cacumina summa terantur  
inter se, validis facere id cogentibus austris,  
donec flammai fulserunt flore coorto'.      900  
scilicet et non est lignis tamen insitus ignis,  
verum semina sunt ardoris multa, terendo  
quae cum confluxere, creant incendia silvis.

*exoriuntur* with Flor. 31 Camb. etc.      882 *cum saxi* Mar. Ald. 1 Junt. etc.  
for *cum in saxi*.      884 885 rightly transposed by N. P. Howard: see notes 2  
for explanation of the whole passage in which much needless change has been  
made: 884 *in* om. Mar. Junt. etc. 'recte, ut puto, etsi cur addita sit [praep.  
*in*] non intellego' Lach.      *terimus* Nicc. for *tenemus*.      885 *herbis.* *herbas*  
Mar. Ald. 1 Junt. Lach. vulgo.      886 *latices.* *laticis* Flor. 31 Camb. vulg.  
Lach. wrongly.      887 *quali* B, *qualis* A, *quales* A corr. Nicc. Flor. 31  
Camb.      *ubere.* *ubera* Lamb.: the exact reading is uncertain.      890 *inter*  
*terram* Lach, first for *in terram*: older editors have blundered strangely.  
893 *res* added by Nicc. B corr. etc.      900 *flammai* Pont. Junt. for  
*flammae*: a simple correction, yet overlooked by many of the later editors:  
even Nauger. has here deserted Junt. and reads *fulserunt flammae fulgore*

quod si facta foret silvis abscondita flamma,  
 non possent ullum tempus celarier ignes,  
 conficerent volgo silvas, arbusta cremarent. 905  
 iamne vides igitur, paulo quod diximus ante,  
 permagni referre eadem primordia saepe  
 cum quibus et quali positura contineantur  
 et quos inter se dent motus accipientque,  
 atque eadem paulo inter se mutata creare  
 ignes et lignum ? quo pacto verba quoque ipsa  
 inter se paulo mutatis sunt elementis,  
 cum ligna atque ignes distincta voce notemus.  
 denique iam quaecunque in rebus cernis apertis  
 si fieri non posse putas, quin materiai  
 corpora consimili natura praedita fingas,  
 hac ratione tibi pereunt primordia rerum :  
 fiet uti risu tremulo concussa cachinnent  
 et lacrimis salsis umectent ora genasque. 915  
 Nunc age quod superest cognosce et clarius audi.  
 nec me animi fallit quam sint obscura ; sed acri  
 percussit thyrso laudis spes magna meum cor  
 et simul incussit suavem mi in pectus amorem  
 musarum, quo nunc instinctus mente vigenti  
 avia Pieridum peragro loca nullius ante  
 trita solo. iuvat integros accedere fontis  
 atque haurire, iuvatque novos decerpere flores  
 insignemque meo capiti petere inde coronam  
 unde prius nulli velarint tempora musae ; 925  
 primum quod magnis doceo de rebus et artis  
 religionum animum nodis exsolvere pergo,  
 deinde quod obscura de re tam lucida pango  
 carmina, musaeo contingens cuncta lepore.  
 id quoque enim non ab nulla ratione videtur ;  
 sed veluti pueris absinthia taetra medentes  
 cum dare conantur, prius oras pocula circum  
 930

after Nicc. etc. 909 *contineantur* Nauger. for *contingantur*, after Pont. apparently; for Victorius in his 2nd copy of Ven. seems to imply that *continuantur* of the first was his own error. 912 et B corr. Wak. for *e.* 918 *Hac* Nicc. B corr. for *Haec.* 919 *uti risu tremulo* Nicc. for *utiris ut aemulo.*

932 *animum.* *animos* Lamb. Creech after Lactantius inst. 16. Pius says 'mo-

- contingunt mellis dulci flavoque liquore,  
ut puerorum aetas improvida ludificetur  
labrorum tenuis, interea perpotet amarum  
absinthi laticem deceptaque non capiatur,  
sed potius tali pacto recreata valescat,  
sic ego nunc, quoniam haec ratio plerumque videtur  
tristior esse quibus non est tractata, retroque  
volgus abhorret ab hac, volui tibi suaviloquenti  
carmine Pierio rationem exponere nostram  
et quasi musaeo dulci contingere melle,  
si tibi forte animum tali ratione tenere  
versibus in nostris possem, dum perspicis omnem  
naturam rerum qua constet compta figura. 940
- Sed quoniam docui solidissima materiai  
corpora perpetuo volitare invicta per aevom,  
nunc age, summai quaedam sit finis eorum  
necne sit, evolvamus; item quod inane repertumst  
seu locus ac spatium, res in quo quaeque gerantur,  
pervideamus utrum finitum funditus omne  
constet an immensum pateat vasteque profundum. 945
- Omne quod est igitur nulla regione viarum  
finitumst; namque extremum debebat habere.  
extremum porro nullius posse videtur  
esse, nisi ultra sit quod finiat; ut videatur  
quo non longius haec sensus natura sequatur.  
nunc extra summam quoniam nil esse fatendum,  
non habet extremum, caret ergo fine modoque.  
nec refert quibus adsistas regionibus eius; 955  
usque adeo, quem quisque locum possedit, in omnis  
tantundem partis infinitum omne relinquit.  
praeterea si iam finitum constituatur  
omne quod est spatium, si quis procurrat ad oras  
ultimus extremas iaciatque volatile telum,  
id validis utrum contortum viribus ire 965

dulatius animos leges'. But iv 7 *animum* Lamb. *animos* Creech. 942 *pacto*  
Heins. in ms. notes and Lach. rightly for *facto*. 954 *Necne sit* Pont. Lamb. for  
*nec sit*. 957 *vasteque* Nicc. corrupted into *adusque*; his followers *adusque* into  
*vel adusque*; or, as Mar. marg. Flor. 32 Ald. Junt., *patefiat ad usque*. 966 *omnis*  
Nicc. for *omnus*. 971 *Id validis* Lamb. first for *Invalidis*. Flor. 32 and Mar.

- quo fuerit missum mavis longeque volare,  
an prohibere aliquid censes obstareque posse?  
alterutrum fatearis enim sumasque necessest.  
quorum utrumque tibi effugium praeccludit et omne 975  
cogit ut exempta concedas fine patere.  
nam sive est aliquit quod probeat officiatque  
quominus quo missum est veniat finique locet se,  
sive foras fertur, non est a fine profectum.  
hoc pacto sequar atque, oras ubicumque locaris 980  
extremas, quaeram quid telo denique fiat.  
fiet uti nusquam possit consistere finis  
effugiumque fugae prolatet copia semper.
- 998 postremo ante oculos res rem finire videtur;  
aer dissaepit collis atque aera montes, 985  
terra mare et contra mare terras terminat omnis;  
omne quidem vero nil est quod finiat extra.
- 984 Praeterea spatium summai totius omne  
undique si inclusum certis consideret oris  
finitumque foret, iam copia materiai  
undique ponderibus solidis confluxet ad imum 990  
nec res ulla geri sub caeli tegmine posset  
nec foret omnino caelum neque lumina solis.
- 990 quippe ubi materies omnis cumulata iaceret  
ex infinito iam tempore subsidendo. 995  
at nunc nimirum requies data principiorum  
corporibus nullast, quia nil est funditus imum  
quo quasi confluere et sedes ubi ponere possint.
- 995 semper in adsiduo motu res quaeque geruntur  
partibus e cunctis infernaque suppeditantur 1000

in margin explain *invalidis* as *valde validis*. 977 *officiat* Lamb. rightly and before him Gryphius of Lyons 1534 and 1540 for *efficiat*, after the constant usage of Lucr.: so Livy iv 31 5 Madvig after Faber reads *officit* (mss. *efficit*) *quominus*. Lach. keeps *efficiat*. [But for *efficiat* see lex col. Genetivae II 4 7 *neve quis facito, quo minus ita aqua ducatur.*] 981 *fiat* Nicc. for *fiet*. 984—987 (998—1001) I have elsewhere proved should come in this place. 989 *inclusum* Nicc. for *inclusus*. 991 *confluxet* Flor. 31 first for *confluxit*. 997 *nullast* Politian in marg. Flor. 29 Ver. Ven. Heins. in ms. notes for *nullas*.  
998 *possint* Ald. 1 Junt. for *possit*. 1000 *e* supplied by Mon. and Lach. is better than *in* of Mar. and older editors. *inferna* is quite right: see Camb. Journ. of phil. I p. 33. Lach. wrongly follows Mar. Ald. 1 Junt. Lamb. etc. in reading *aeternaque* and adds 'rei convenienter, quamvis secus videatur Wakefieldo et

ex infinito cita corpora materiai.

1002 est igitur natura loci spatiumque profundi,  
quod neque clara suo percurrere fulmina cursu  
perpetuo possint aevi labentia tractu  
nec prorsum facere ut restet minus ire meando: 1005  
usque adeo passim patet ingens copia rebus  
finibus exemptis in cunctas undique partis.

Ipsa modum porro sibi rerum summa parare  
ne possit, natura tenet, quae corpus inani  
et quod inane autem est finiri corpore cogit, 1010  
ut sic alternis infinita omnia reddat,  
aut etiam alterutrum, nisi terminet alterum, eorum  
simplice natura pateat tamen inmoderatum.

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nec mare nec tellus neque caeli lucida templa  
nec mortale genus nec divum corpora sancta 1015  
exiguum possent horai sistere tempus;  
nam dispulsa suo de coetu materiai  
copia ferretur magnum per inane soluta,  
sive adeo potius numquam concreta creasset  
ullam rem, quoniam cogi disiecta nequisset. 1020  
nam certe neque consilio primordia rerum  
ordine se suo quaeque sagaci mente locarunt

Forbiger, qui quotiens philosophantur delirant': an insult quite out of place here.  
1008 should commence a new paragraph. 1009 *inani* Mar. Ald. 1 Junt. for *inane*.  
1013 Madvig opusc. pr. p. 313 rightly supposes some verses lost here; and long  
before him Marullus did the same, as I find from the margin of Flor. 32: 'credit  
Marullus deesse hic aliqua carmina, quae continerent transitum ab infinitate inanis  
ad infinitatem corporum; in his enim *Nec mare nec tellus...* procul dubio agit de infi-  
nitate corporum, cum supra [953] de utroque infinito se dicturum promiserit': so  
that Flor. 32 gives here the more mature, at least the better judgment of Marullus;  
since the cod. Victor. has the same perverse corrections which Junt. has. Lach.  
places the mark of hiatus after 1012, giving a most involved explanation of the  
passage: his arrangement moreover is scarcely grammatical, as *pateat* is thus  
answered in the apodosis by imperfects and pluperfects. Indeed the lacuna does  
not appear to me so great as it did either to Madvig or Lach.: the poet has not only  
shewn already that the *omne quod est*, but also 988 (984)—1007, that the *omne quod  
est spatium* is infinite: he now, 1008 foll., shews that matter is infinite. I  
formerly proposed roughly to supply what is wanting thus, *Sed spatium supra docui  
sine fine patere. Si finita igitur summa esset materiai, Nec mare cet.* 1023 the last  
four words are rightly supplied by Mar. and Junt. from v 421: the mss. here repeat  
the last three of 1022. Avancius blunders sadly, doubtless from not understanding

nec quos quaeque darent motus pepigere projecto,  
sed quia multa modis multis mutata per omne  
ex infinito vexantur percita plagis,

1025

omne genus motus et coetus experiundo

tandem deveniunt in talis disposituras,

qualibus haec rerum consistit summa creata,

et multos etiam magnos servata per annos

ut semel in motus coniectast convenientis,

efficit ut largis avidum mare fluminis undis

integrent amnes et solis terra vapore

fota novet fetus summissaque gens animantium

floreat et vivant labentes aetheris ignes;

quod nullo facerent pacto nisi materiai

1030

ex infinito suboriri copia posset,

unde amissa solent reparare in tempore quaeque.

nam veluti privata cibo natura animantium

difflit amittens corpus, sic omnia debent

dissolui simul ac defecit suppeditare

1035

materies aliqua ratione aversa viai.

nec plagae possunt extrinsecus undique summam  
conservare omnem quaecumque est conciliata.

cudere enim crebro possunt partemque morari,

dum veniant aliae ac suppleri summa queatur.

1040

interdum resilire tamen coguntur et una

principiis rerum spatium tempusque fugai

largiri, ut possint a coetu libera ferri.

quare etiam atque etiam suboriri multa necesset,

et tamen ut plagae quoque possint suppeter ipsae,

1045

infinita opus est vis undique materiai.

Illud in his rebus longe fuge credere, Memmi,

in medium summae, quod dicunt, omnia niti,

atque ideo mundi naturam stare sine ulla

ictibus externis neque quoquam posse resolvi

1050

what he is taking from others. 1028 *rerum* Faber and Bentl. from v 194 most

rightly for *rebus*. 1033 *summissaque* Pont. Mar. Junt. for *summaque*. 1034

*Floreat* Flor. 31 Camb. etc. for *floreant*. 1040 *Dissolui* Nicc. B corr. for *Disso-*

*luit*. 1041 *viai* B corr. vulgo for *via*. *viaque* Lach.: but *ratione viaque* surely

means 'by method and system': see Cic. de fin. i 29 *ut ratione et via procedat*

*oratio*. 1047 *Principiis* Mar. Junt. for *principium*. 1061 *Et similis*. Lach. reads

summa atque ima, quod in medium sint omnia nixa:  
 ipsum si quicquam posse in se sistere credis:  
 et quae pondera sunt sub terris omnia sursum  
 nitier in terraque retro requiescere posta,  
 ut per aquas quae nunc rerum simulacra videmus. 1060  
 et simili ratione animalia supra vagari  
 contendunt neque posse e terris in loca caeli  
 reccidere inferiora magis quam corpora nostra  
 sponte sua possint in caeli templa volare;  
 illi cum videant solem, nos sidera noctis 1065  
 cernere, et alternis nobiscum tempora caeli  
 dividere et noctes parilis agitare diebus.  
 sed vanus stolidis haec  
 amplexi quod habent perv  
 nam medium nil esse potest 1070  
 infinita. neque omnino, si iam *medium sit*  
 possit ibi quicquam consistere  
 quam quavis alia longe ratione  
 omnis enim locus ac spatium quod *inane vocamus*  
 per medium per non medium concedere *debet* 1075  
 aequae ponderibus, motus quacumque feruntur.  
 nec quisquam locus est, quo corpora cum *venerunt*,  
 ponderis amissa vi possint stare *in inani*;

*Adsimili* and joins with it the preceding verse, putting a full stop at *posta*. I think him quite wrong: the simile is exactly the same as iv 418, where also Lach. makes unnecessary changes. 1068—1075: these 8 mutilated verses came at the beginning of p. 45 of the archetype; and the ends were therefore at the outer margin. B and Gott. omit them altogether, but append a cross and viii. Nicc. gives them imperfect as in A. The later mss. Ald. 1, Junt. after Mar., Lamb. complete them in various ways. I formerly suggested in 1068 *error falsa probavit* or *error somnia finxit*: 1069 *perversa rem ratione*: 1070 *quando omnia constant*, or with Lach. *ubi summa profundist*: 1072 *eam magis ob rem*: 1073 *repelli*. 1073 Lach. reads *alio* for *alia*, and proposes *meare* at end, and *malle putari* in 1072: he declines to prophesy in 1068 and 1069. 1071 Mar. Junt. most truly *neque omnino si iam medium sit* for *denique omnino si iam*. 1074 the end is supplied by Mar. Ald. 1 and Junt. 1075 *debet* Wak., *oportet* older corr. 1076 *Aequae* Junt. for *aquis* which Wak. absurdly defends. 1078 *in* added by Mar. Ald. 1 Junt.

1082 *concilio* Mar. Junt. for *concilium*, the *m* coming from *medii*. *concilium...vectae* Lach. which seems less poetical. *vinctae* Bentl. 1085 1086 are transposed by Mar. and Junt. followed by all before Lach.: but Ussing, Tidsskr. for Philol. vi, has rightly seen that a v. is lost before 1085, which comparing vi 495 I would thus supply *Et quae de supero in terram mittuntur ut imbræ*.

nec quod inane autem est ulli subsistere debet,  
quin, sua quod natura petit, concedere pergit.  
haud igitur possunt tali ratione teneri  
res in concilio medii cuppedine victae.

Praeterea quoniam non omnia corpora fingunt  
in medium niti, sed terrarum, atque liquoris

et quasi terreno quae corpore contineantur,  
umorem ponti magnasque e montibus undas,  
at contra tenuis exponunt aeris auras  
et calidos simul a medio differier ignis,  
atque ideo totum circum tremere aethera signis  
et solisflammam per caeli caerula pasci,  
quod calor a medio fugiens se ibi conligat omnis,  
nec prorsum arboribus summos frondescere ramos  
posse, nisi a terris paulatim cuique cibatum

1080

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1091 *se ibi* Wak. for *sibi*.      1094—1101: A has faithfully left a blank space for these eight lost verses: they came at the beginning of p. 46 of the lost archetype; the eight mutilated lines above having headed the page on the other side of the leaf; Lach. therefore most justly concludes that this part of the leaf in the original of our mss. was by some accident torn away. Both the old ms. collations of A and B which I possess mention this lacuna: Heinsius says ‘in A octo versuum hiatus erat relictus’: the less careful Vossius, though the manuscript was his own, merely says ‘vide ms. in quo hiatus post haec verba’. Think now of Havercamp, a Professor in the University where A and B then were, never noting this fact, but inserting the miserable makeshift verse of Mar. and Junt. *Terra det: at supra circum tegere omnia caelum*; stealing the critical note of the London bookseller’s edition, and stating that this spurious verse was not in B, from which every reader must infer it was in A. I formerly made the following verses to shew the general sense of those which are lost: *Diffundat truncum ac ramos natura per omnis, Scilicet incerto diversi errore vagantes Argumenta sibi prorsum pugnantia fingunt. Quae tamen omnia sunt falsa ratione recepta. Nam quoniam docui spatium sine fine modoque Inmensumque patere in cunctas undique partis, Sic parili ratione necessest suppeditetur Infinita etiam vis undique materiai, Ne cet.* Pontanus saw that the passage was a fragment.

ne volueri ritu flammarum moenia mundi  
 diffugiant subito magnum per inane soluta  
 et ne cetera consimili ratione sequantur  
 neve ruant caeli penetralia templa superne  
 terraque se pedibus raptim subducat et omnis  
 inter permixtas rerum caelique ruinas  
 corpora solventes abeat per inane profundum,  
 temporis ut puncto nil extet reliquiarum  
 desertum praeter spatium et primordia caeca.  
 nam quacumque prius de parti corpora desse  
 constitues, haec rebus erit pars ianua leti,  
 hac se turba foras dabit omnis materiai.

1105

1110

Haec sei pernosces, parva perductus opella

namque alid ex alio clarescat nec tibi caeca  
 nox iter eripiet quin ultima naturai  
 pervideas: ita res accendent lumina rebus.

1115

**1105** *penetralia* Nicc. for *tonetralia*; rightly followed by all the old eds. before Lamb. who reads *tonitralia*: vi 865 *sonitus* all mss. for *penitus*: neither *tonetralia* nor *tonitralia* is Latin.      **1108** *abeat* Ed. after Mar. Junt. for *abeant* wrongly adapted to the adjacent plural: comp. vi 286: *omnis* agrees with *terra*: comp. vi 605 sqq.: Lach. in 1106 reads *omnia*, as also ii 719 without authority.  
**1114** *sei* Ed. after Nicc. Flor. 31 Camb. Mon. etc. for *sic*: a verse is here lost which I feel sure was of this kind, *Cetera iam poteris per te tute ipse videre*, with which the preceding words *parva perductus opella* must be joined: Lucr. says it is hard to master his principles, but when that is thoroughly done, then led on with little trouble you may learn the rest yourself: comp. especially 400—417, and see Camb. Journ. of phil. 1 p. 374. Lach. for *sic* reads *scio* and *perdoctus* for *perductus*, and then gets no satisfactory sense: Mar. and Junt. read *non* for *nec* in 1115: Lamb. *perfunctus* for *perdoctus*: Bern. *sis*, and *perdoctus* after Lach.

T. LUCRETI CARI  
DE RERUM NATURA  
LIBER SECUNDUS

Suave, mari magno turbantibus aequora ventis.  
e terra magnum alterius spectare laborem;  
non quia vexari quemquamst iucunda voluptas,  
sed quibus ipse malis careas quia cernere suave est.  
6 suave etiam belli certamina magna tueri      5  
5 per campos instructa tua sine parte pericli.  
sed nil dulcius est, bene quam munita tenere  
edita doctrina sapientum templa serena,  
despicere unde queas alios passimque videre  
errare atque viam palantis quaerere vitae,  
certare ingenio, contendere nobilitate,  
noctes atque dies niti praestante labore  
ad summas emergere opes rerumque potiri.  
o miseras hominum mentes, o pectora caeca !  
qualibus in tenebris vitae quantisque periclis  
degitur hoc aevi quodcumquest ! nonne videre  
nil aliud sibi naturam latrare, nisi utqui  
corpore seiunctus dolor absit, mente fruatur  
10      15

5 and 6 rightly transposed by Avancius.      12 *praestante labore* AB. *praestantes prae labore* Nicc. p. m.      16 *nonne videre* AB Gott. which Gif., followed tacitly by Lamb. ed. 3, has most properly retained. *videre est* was the common reading, which Lach. shews Lucr. could not have written. ‘*videtis Marull.*’ says Gif.: and in cod. Victor. Marullus p. m. *videtis*; s. m. *videre est*, as Junt.: *videtis* Ald. 1, and this is mentioned as a var. lec. at end of Junt.: so also Lamb. ed. 1, but *videre est* ed. 2.      17—19 mss. are quite right: see notes 2: 17 *utqui. ut cui* Avanc. Lach. *ut quo* Gif.      18 *mente. menti'*

iucundo sensu cura semota metuque?  
 ergo corpoream ad naturam pauca videmus  
 esse opus omnino, quae demant cumque dolorem.  
 delicias quoque uti multas substernere possint  
 gratius interdum, neque natura ipsa requirit,  
 si non aurea sunt iuvenum simulacra per aedes  
 lampadas igniferas manibus retinentia dextris,  
 lumina nocturnis epulis ut suppeditentur,  
 nec domus argento fulget auroque renidet  
 nec citharae reboant laqueata aurataque tecta,  
 cum tamen inter se prostrati in gramine molli  
 propter aquae rivum sub ramis arboris altae  
 non magnis opibus iucunde corpora curant,  
 praesertim cum tempestas adridet et anni  
 tempora conspergunt viridantis floribus herbas.  
 nec calidae citius decedunt corpore febres,  
 textilibus si in picturis ostroque rubenti  
 iacteris, quam si in plebeia veste cubandum est.  
 quapropter quoniam nil nostro in corpore gazae  
 proficiunt neque nobilitas nec gloria regni,  
 quod superest, animo quoque nil prodesse putandum;  
 si non forte tuas legiones per loca campi  
 fervere cum videas belli simulacracientis,

Lach. without cause.      19 *semota*. *semotu'* Lamb. in notes, Gif. Bentl.  
 Lach. for *semota*.      21 22 23 see notes 2 for the explanation of this pas-  
 sage which I have corrected by a better punctuation.      27 *fulget auroque*.  
*fulgenti* Lach. But comp. v 1049 *sciret animoque*, where Lachmann's *scirent*  
 perverts the meaning. *fulgens*, *renidens* Macrob. sat. vi 2 Pont. Avanc. Junt.  
 etc. *fulgens renidet* Mar. P. Crinitus de hon. disc. xvii 6.      28 *citharae*.  
*citharam* Macrob. sat. vi 2, *cithara* id. vi 4.      *aurataque*. *ornataque* Lach.  
*arquataque* Bern.      *tecta* Lach. for *templa*, and Macrob. sat. vi 4, but vi 2 *tempe*,  
 which comes perhaps from the preceding passage of Virgil: yet the *templa* of the  
 mss. of Luer. may have a technical meaning. [But for *tecta* and *templa* confused  
 see O. Hirschfeld untersuch. p. 149, and p. 187 n. 4.]      36 *Iacteris*. *Iactaris*  
 Lamb. ed. 2 and 3.      41 *Fervere* Flor. 30 corr. Flor. 31 Camb. for *Fruere* A,  
*Eruere* B.      40—46: this passage I think I have arranged much better than  
 Lach. or Bern.: 42 *et ecum vi (etecūvi)* Ed. for *epicuri*: comp. *tariter* of mss. for  
*pariter* in 43: 43 *Ornatasq. armis statuas pariterque* Ed. for *Ornatas armis itastuas*  
*(itasiuas* B Gott.) *tariterque*: then *Fervere cum videas classem lateque vagari*, which  
 is not found in our mss. but is quoted by Nonius p. 503 from Lucretius lib. ii,  
 is clearly in its right place after 46, not 43, where Lach. and others have put it:  
 I have also put a stop after *pavide* in 45. For *statuas* corrupted into *itastuas*

subsidiis magnis et ecum vi constabilitas,  
 ornatasque armis statuas pariterque animatas,  
 his tibi tum rebus timefactae religiones  
 effugiunt animo pavide; mortisque timores      45  
 tum vacuum pectus lincunt curaque solutum,  
 fervere cum videas classem lateque vagari.  
 quod si ridicula haec ludibriaque esse videmus,  
 re veraque metus hominum curaeque sequaces  
 nec metuunt sonitus armorum nec fera tela  
 audacterque inter reges rerumque potentis      50  
 versantur neque fulgorem reverentur ab auro  
 nec clarum vestis splendorem purpureai,  
 quid dubitas quin omni' sit haec rationi' potestas?  
 omnis cum in tenebris praesertim vita laboret.  
 nam veluti pueri trepidant atque omnia caecis      55  
 in tenebris metuunt, sic nos in luce timemus  
 interdum, nilo quae sunt metuenda magis quam  
 quae pueri in tenebris pavitant finguntque futura.  
 hunc igitur terrorem animi tenebrasque necessest  
 non radii solis neque lucida tela diei      60  
 discutiant, sed naturae species ratioque.

Nunc age, quo motu genitalia materiai  
 corpora res varias gignant genitasque resolvant

comp. Lach. to iv 283, and *istatuam* for *statuam* in Orelli inscript. 1120. Because Luer. v 1227 has *Induperatorem classis super aequora verrit Cum validis pariter legionibus atque elephantis*, Lach. says 'apparet haec ita legenda esse, *Subsidis magnisque elephantis constabilitas, Ornatas armis, validas, pariterque animatas*'. The *apparet* is anything but clear to me. Bern. reads *hastatis* for *epicuri*, *pariter* for *itastuas*. See Lach. on the way these two verses are written in AB: Nicc. omits them: later mss. Flor. 31 Camb. etc. treat them as a heading: the old eds. to Ald. 1 and Pius inclusive have them variously corrupted. Junt. first omits them in text with this note at end, '*Subsidis magnis Epicuri constabilitas. Marullus carmen hoc expungit. Nam illud, ornatos armis statuas, stanteisque animatas, procul dubio subditicium est*': and in cod. Victor. Marullus does expunge them. All subsequent eds. before Lach. omitted them, except Gif. who mixes up a portion of them with a part of the line from Nonius in this fashion, *Fervere cum videas; classem lateque vagari, Ornataque armis belli simulacula cidentem*. Lamb. ed. 3 first gives the l. from Nonius in full.      46 *pectus* Lamb. for *tempus*: a necessary change. Aen. i 46 *tempore Probus* for *pectore*.      52 *purpureai* Nicc. for *purpura*.      53 Mar. Ald. 1 Junt. Lamb. *omne sit hoc rationis egestas*, perversely.      54 *laboret* Nicc. B corr. for *raboret*.      56 *sic*, as in iii 88 vi 36. *ita Senec. epist. 110*, shewing what little

et qua vi facere id cogantur quaeque sit ollis  
reddita mobilitas magnum per inane meandi, 65  
expadiam: tu te dictis praebere memento.  
nam certe non inter se stipata cohaeret  
materies, quoniam minui rem quamque videmus  
et quasi longinquo fluere omnia cernimus aevo  
ex oculisque vetustatem subducere nostris, 70  
cum tamen incolumis videatur summa manere  
propterea quia, quae decedunt corpora cuique,  
unde abeunt minuunt, quo venere augmine donant,  
illa senescere at haec contra florescere cogunt,  
nec remorantur ibi. sic rerum summa novatur 75  
semper, et inter se mortales mutua vivunt.  
augescunt aliae gentes, aliae minuuntur,  
inque brevi spatio mutantur saecla animantium  
et quasi cursores vitai lampada tradunt.

Si cessare putas rerum primordia posse 80  
cessandoque novos rerum progignere motus,  
avius a vera longe ratione vagaris.  
nam quoniam per inane vagantur, cuncta necesset  
aut gravitate sua ferri primordia rerum  
aut ictu forte alterius. nam *cum* cita saepe 85  
obvia confixere, fit ut diversa repente  
dissiliant; neque enim mirum, durissima quae sint  
ponderibus solidis neque quicquam a tergo ibus obstet.  
et quo iactari magis omnia materiai  
corpora pervideas, reminiscere totius imum  
nil esse in summa, neque habere ubi corpora prima 90  
consistant, quoniam spatium sine fine modoquest  
inmensumque patere in cunctas undique partis  
pluribus ostendi et certa ratione probatumst.  
quod quoniam constat, nimirum nulla quies est 95

reliance can be placed on such citations: comp. n. to 1 66. 68 *quamque*  
*videmus* Nicc. B corr. for *quamquidemus*. 73 *augmine* B corr. Nicc. corr. for  
*agmine*. 84 *ferri* Nicc. B corr. for *terri*. 85 *nam cum (quom) cita* Wak.  
for *nam cita*. *cita superne* Nicc. *concita saepe* Flor. 31 Camb. 86 *confixere*  
Lamb. in notes for *conflexere*. *confuxere* Nicc. etc. *cum fixere* Lamb. *ut Avanc.*  
for *uti*. *ita uti* Flor. 31 Camb. etc. 88 *tergo ibus* Is. Vossius in ms. notes  
(not Preiger) most rightly for *tergibus*. 95 *nulla* Nicc. for *multa*. *invita* Is.

reddita corporibus primis per inane profundum,  
sed magis adsiduo varioque exercita motu  
partim intervallis magnis confulta resultant,  
pars etiam brevibus spatiis vexantur ab ictu.      100

et quaecumque magis condenso conciliatu  
exiguis intervallis convecta resultant,  
indupedita suis perplexis ipsa figuris,  
haec validas saxi radices et fera ferri  
corpora constituunt et cetera *de genere horum*  
paucula quae porro magnum per inane vagantur.      105

cetera dissiliunt longe longeque recursant  
in magnis intervallis: haec aera rarum  
sufficiunt nobis et splendida lumina solis.  
multaque praeterea magnum per inane vagantur,  
conciliis rerum quae sunt reiecta nec usquam      110

consociare etiam motus potuere recepta.  
cuius, uti memoro, rei simulacrum et imago  
ante oculos semper nobis versatur et instat.  
contemplator enim, cum solis lumina cumque  
inserti fundunt radii per opaca domorum:      115

multa minuta modis multis per inane videbis  
corpora misceri radiorum lumine in ipso  
et velut aeterno certamine proelia pugnas  
edere turmatim certantia nec dare pausam,  
conciliis et discidiis exercita crebris;      120

conicere ut possis ex hoc, primordia rerum  
quale sit in magno iactari semper inani.  
dumtaxat rerum magnarum parva potest res  
exemplare dare et vestigia notitiae.  
hoc etiam magis haec animum te advertere par est      125

corpora quae in solis radiis turbare videntur,  
quod tales turbae motus quoque materiali

Vossius in ms. notes.      98 *confulta* mss. and so Pont. Avanc. Pius Nauge-  
rius. *consulta* Ver. Ven. Gif. *conflicta* 2 Vat. Mar. Junt. Lamb. ed. 1 and 2,  
Wak. Creech. *contusa* Lamb. ed. 3. *conpusa* Heins. in ms. notes.

99 *brevibus* Nicc. for *brevius*.      112 *memoro* rei Vat. 1706 Reg. ('olim Nicolai  
Heinsii') Pont. Avanc. vulg. for *memoror* rei.      118 *proelia pugnas*: so iv 1009.  
*proelia pugnasque* Camb. Nicc. corr. Mar. Junt. wrongly.      125 *magis haec*.  
'Marull. contra v. l. scriperat, *huc*' Gif.: both Ald. 1 and Junt. have *mage ad*

significant clandestinos caecosque subesse.  
multa videbis enim plagis ibi percita caecis  
commutare viam retroque repulsa reverti      130  
nunc hue nunc illuc in cunctas undique partis.  
scilicet hic a principiis est omnibus error.  
prima moventur enim per se primordia rerum;  
inde ea quae parvo sunt corpora conciliatu  
et quasi proxima sunt ad viris principiorum,  
ictibus illorum caecis impulsu carentur,      135  
ipsaque proporro paulo maiora lassentur.  
sic a principiis ascendit motus et exit  
paulatim nostros ad sensus, ut moveantur  
illa quoque, in solis quae lumine cernere quimus      140  
nec quibus id faciant plagis appetit aperte.

Nunc quae mobilitas sit redditia materiai  
corporibus, paucis licet hinc cognoscere, Memmi.  
primum aurora novo cum spargit lumine terras  
et variae volucres nemora avia pervolitantes      145  
aera per tenerum liquidis loca vocibus opplent,  
quam subito soleat sol ortus tempore tali  
convestire sua profundens omnia luce,  
omnibus in promptu manifestumque esse videmus.  
at vapor is quem sol mittit lumenque serenum      150  
non per inane meat vacuum; quo tardius ire  
cogitur, aerias quasi dum diverberet undas.  
nec singillatim corpuscula quaeque vaporis  
sed complexa meant inter se conque globata;  
quapropter simul inter se retrahuntur et extra      155  
officiuntur, uti cogantur tardius ire.  
at quae sunt solida primordia simplicitate,  
cum per inane meant vacuum nec res remoratur

*hoc*; but over *haec* in cod. Victor. was once written a word carefully erased, as some  
mark under *haec* has been, quite confirming Gif.: see above p. 9.      134 *conciliatu* Nicc. for *conciliata*.      137 *Ipsaque proporro* Turneb. advers. v 27 Lach.  
for *Ipsaque porro*. *Ipsaque quae* Camb. vulg. *Ictaque quae* Flor. 31.      152 *quasi*  
*dum diverberet*. *quod sol diverberat* Nicc. Flor. 31 Camb. vulg. Lamb. ed. 1.  
*quasi tum diverberet* Lamb. ed. 2, *quasi dum diverberat* ed. 3, as Pont. before,  
‘*pessime*’ says Lach.: ‘nam *dum intellegendum est donec*’. But in my opinion,  
though the subj. is quite right, Lamb. well defends the indic. which is also  
tenable.      155 *se retrahuntur* Priscian for *se trahuntur*.      158 *remoratur*

ulla foris atque ipsa, suis e partibus una,  
unum in quem coepere locum conixa feruntur,  
debent nimirum praecellere mobilitate  
et multo citius ferri quam lumina solis  
multiplexque loci spatium transcurrere eodem  
tempore quo solis pervolgant fulgura caelum.

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[nec persectari primordia singula quaeque  
ut videant qua quicque geratur cum ratione.

165

At quidam contra haec, ignari materiali,  
naturam non posse deum sine numine credunt  
tanto opere humanis rationibus admoderate  
tempora mutare annorum frugesque creare,  
et iam cetera, mortalis quae suadet adire  
ipsaque deducit dux vitae dia voluptas  
et res per Veneris blanditur saecla propagent,  
ne genus occidat humanum. quorum omnia causa  
constituisse deos cum fingunt, omnibu' rebus  
magnō opere a vera lapsi ratione videntur.  
nam quamvis rerum ignorem primordia quae sint,  
hoc tamen ex ipsis caeli rationibus ausim  
confirmare aliisque ex rebus reddere multis,  
nequaquam nobis divinitus esse creatam  
naturam mundi: *tanta stat praedita culpa.*  
quae tibi posterius, Memmi, faciemus aperta.

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Pont. Mar. Ald. 1 Junt. for remoravit.      159 *ipsa, suis e partibus una, Unum*  
Ed. for *ipsa suis e partibus unum Unum*: the contrast with 153—156 shews this  
to be necessary: comp. also 1 599 etc.: the repetition of *unum unum* has here no  
force whatever.      160 *conixa. conexa* mss. *connixa* Ver. Ven. followed by  
Nauger. and vulgo: it should be *conixa*.

165—183 Lach. has most justly marked off from the context, as interrupting  
the argument, though indisputably written by Lucretius: some verses too have  
clearly been lost before 165: as Pontanus has seen, who says ‘fragmentum’;  
Marullus supplied the unmeaning *Nam neque consilio debent tardata morari,*  
which became the vulgate. Bern. puts 167 before 165, and in 166 reads *persectati,*  
and supposes no lacuna.      166 *Ut videant* Nice. for *Ut deant.*      168 *numine*  
credunt Ed. for *numine redi*, and Pont. I now find: the *e* of *numine* has absorbed  
the *c*, and *redunt* in mss. much resembles *reddi*. *rentur* Mar. Junt. vulgo ‘prorsus  
egregie’ says Lach. Wak. absurdly defends *reddi*.      169 has been much tam-  
pered with in the vulg. eds. without any reason.      181 *tanta stat praedita*  
Lach., as in the repetition v 199, for *quamquam predita*. *quae tanta est praedita*

nunc id quod superest de motibus expediemus.]

Nunc locus est, ut opinor, in his illud quoque rebus  
confirmare tibi, nullam rem posse sua vi 185  
corpoream sursum ferri sursumque meare;  
ne tibi dent in eo flamarum corpora fraudem.  
sursus enim versus gignuntur et augmina sumunt  
et sursum nitidae fruges arbustaque crescunt,  
pondera, quantum in se est, cum deorsum cuncta ferantur.  
nec cum subsiliunt ignes ad tecta domorum 191  
et celeri flamma degstant tigna trabesque,  
sponte sua facere id sine vi subigente putandum est.  
quod genus e nostro quom missus corpore sanguis  
emicat exultans alte spargitque cruorem. 195  
nonne vides etiam quanta vi tigna trabesque  
respuat umor aquae? nam quo magis ursimus alte  
derecta et magna vi multi pressimus aegre,  
tam cupide sursum revomit magis atque remittit,  
plus ut parte foras emergant exiliantque. 200  
nec tamen haec, quantum est in se, dubitamus, opinor,  
quin vacuum per inane deorsum cuncta ferantur.  
sic igitur debent flammae quoque posse per auras  
aeris expressae sursum succedere, quamquam  
pondera, quantum in se est, deorsum deducere pugnant, 205  
nocturnasque faces caeli sublime volantis  
nonne vides longos flamarum ducere tractus  
in quascumque dedit partis natura meatum?  
non cadere in terram stellas et sidera cernis?  
sol etiam caeli de vertice dissipat omnis 210

Pont. Junt. vulgo, which may be right. Wak. adopts the interpolation of Nicc.  
*quamquam haec sint praedita*, and gives a ludicrous explanation of it. 187 *frudem.*  
*frudem* B: see vi 187. 193 *subigente* Lamb. Creech Lach. for *subiecta.*  
*subeunte* Bern. which is hardly so near the ms. reading: see Madvig emend. Liv.  
p. 210. 194 *Quod genus e nostro.* *Quod genus est* Lach. justly blamed by  
Madvig Lat. gram. ed. 3 p. ix for the way in which he deals with *quod genus* here  
and in other places. *quom* Nicc. com A Lach. cum B. 197 *ursimus.* *urgimus*  
A corr. Nicc. Camb. 198 *Derecta.* *Deiecta* Lach. 199 *revomit* Pont. Nauger. for *removet.* 203 *debent flammae*  
*quoque* Ald. 1 Junt. for *q. d. fl.* 205 *in se est deorsum deducere* Mar.  
Ald. 1 Junt. for *inest deorsum ducere.* *in se est* Flor. 31 Camb. *quantum*  
*est in se deorsum ducere* one Vat. Pont. Lach. 209 *cadere*  
*in terram* Nicc. for *caderem in terra.* 210 *caeli* Bern. better than *summo*

ardorem in partis et lumine conserit arva;  
 in terras igitur quoque solis vergitur ardor.  
 transversosque volare per imbris fulmina cernis:  
 nunc hinc nunc illinc abrupti nubibus ignes  
 concursant; cadit in terras vis flammea volgo.

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Illud in his quoque te rebus cognoscere avemus,  
 corpora cum deorsum rectum per inane feruntur  
 ponderibus propriis, *se* incerto tempore ferme  
 incertisque locis spatio depellere paulum,  
 tantum quod momen mutatum dicere possis.  
 quod nisi declinare solerent, omnia deorsum,  
 imbris uti guttae, caderent per inane profundum,  
 nec foret offensus natus nec plaga creata  
 principiis: ita nil umquam natura creasset.

220

Quod si forte aliquis credit graviora potesse  
 corpora, quo citius rectum per inane feruntur,  
 incidere ex supero levioribus atque ita plagas  
 gignere quae possint genitalis reddere motus,  
 avius a vera longe ratione recedit.

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nam per aquas quaecumque cadunt atque aera rarum,  
 haec pro ponderibus casus celare necesset  
 propterea quia corpus aquae naturaque tenuis  
 aeris haut possunt aequa rem quamque morari,  
 sed citius cedunt gravioribus exsuperata;  
 at contra nulli de nulla parte neque ullo  
 tempore inane potest vacuum subsistere rei,  
 quin, sua quod natura petit, concedere pergit;  
 omnia quapropter debent per inane quietum  
 aequa ponderibus non aequis concita ferri.  
 haud igitur poterunt levioribus incidere umquam  
 ex supero graviora neque ictus gignere per se

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or *aetherio* of older editors: *caeli* I had myself restored from Cic. Arat. 297  
*summo caeli de vertice tranans.* 214 *abrupti.* *abruptis* Macr. sat. vi 1 27.

218 *se* added by Ed. *ferme* Flor. 31 Camb. Mar. for *firme.* 219 mss.  
 are quite right: see notes 2: *loci spatiis decellere* Lach. whom I before followed.

220 *momen.* minimum two Vat. and old eds. before Junt. 226 *feruntur.*  
*ferantur* Vict. 227 *plagas* B corr. and Lamb. for *plag.* *plagis* Nicc. followed  
 by all before Lamb. 229 *Avius* Nicc. for *Aulus.* 233 *Aeris* haud Nicc.  
 for *Haeraut A,* *Haeraud B* Gott. 234 *exsuperata* Mar. Junt. for *exsuperate.*  
*exsuperatae* Nicc. perhaps rightly. 240 *poterunt* Flor. 31 Camb. for *potue-*

qui varient motus per quos natura gerat res.  
 quare etiam atque etiam paulum inclinare necessest  
 corpora ; nec plus quam minimum, ne fingere motus  
 obliquos videamur et id res vera refutet. 245

namque hoc in promptu manifestumque esse videmus,  
 pondera, quantum in sest, non posse obliqua meare,  
 ex supero cum praecipitant, quod cernere possis ;  
 sed nil omnino *recta* regione viai  
 declinare quis est qui possit cernere sese ? 250

Denique si semper motus conectitur omnis  
 et vetere exoritur *semper* novus ordine certo  
 nec declinando faciunt primordia motus  
 principium quoddam quod fati foedera rumpat,  
 ex infinito ne causam causa sequatur, 255

libera per terras unde haec animantibus exstat  
 unde est haec, inquam, fatis avolsa *potestas*  
 per quam progredimur quo dicit quemque voluntas,  
 declinamus item motus nec tempore certo  
 nec regione loci certa, sed ubi ipsa tulit mens ? 260

nam dubio procul his rebus sua cuique voluntas  
 principium dat et hinc motus per membra rigantur.  
 nonne vides etiam patefactis tempore puncto  
 carceribus non posse tamen prorumpere *equorum*  
 vim cupidam tam de subito quam mens avet ipsa ? 265

omnis enim totum per corpus materiai  
 copia conquiri debet, concita per artus  
 omnis ut studium mentis conixa sequatur ;

runt. 241 *se* is found in all mss. 247 *se* before *est* added by Flor. 31 Camb. etc. 249 *recta* added by Nicc. whom all before Lach. rightly followed : it was absorbed by the similar letters in *regione*. *nulla regione* Lach. 250 *Declinare quis est qui possit cernere sese* : this reading of all mss. and editions I now keep: the constr. is not harsher than others in Luer.: see notes 2. *de se* Ed. in small ed. for *sese*. *sensus* Bern. *praestet* Lach. for *possit*. 251 *motus* Flor. 31 Camb. for *motu*. 252 *semper* added after *exoritur* by Nicc. Flor. 31 Camb. all editors before Lach. *exacto* added by Lach. before *exoritur*: obviously not right, as the new motion does not first begin when the other ceases: the reason of the omission was the *semper* of 251. *novus atque ex ordine* Pont. 257 *potestas* Lach. for *voluptas*: a certain correction: comp. 286: Lamb. in vain transposes *voluptas* and *voluntas* of 258: Flor. 31 Camb. have *voluptas* in both places, but it can be right in neither. 264 *equorum* Brix. for *quorum*, not Nicc. Flor. 31 Camb. or Ver. Ven. 267 *conquiri* A corr. Gott. Nicc. vulg. for *conciri* of

ut videoas initum motus a corde creari  
 ex animique voluntate id procedere primum,  
 inde dari porro per totum corpus et artus. 270  
 nec similest ut cum impulsi procedimus ictu  
 viribus alterius magnis magnoque coactu ;  
 nam tum materiem totius corporis omnem  
 perspicuumst nobis invitatis ire rapique, 275  
 donec eam refrenavit per membra voluntas.  
 iamne vides igitur, quamquam vis extera multos  
 pellat et invitatos cogat procedere saepe  
 praecipitesque rapi, tamen esse in pectore nostro  
 quiddam quod contra pugnare obstareque possit ? 280  
 cuius ad arbitrium quoque copia materiali  
 cogitur interdum fleti per membra per artus  
 et proiecta refrenatur retroque residit.  
 quare in seminibus quoque idem fateare necesset,  
 esse aliam praeter plagas et pondera causam 285  
 motibus, unde haec est nobis innata potestas,  
 de nilo quoniam fieri nil posse videmus.  
 pondus enim prohibet ne plagis omnia fiant  
 externa quasi vi; sed ne mens ipsa necessum  
 intestinum habeat cunctis in rebus agendis 290  
 et devicta quasi *hoc* cogatur ferre patique,  
 id facit exiguum clinamen principiorum  
 nec regione loci certa nec tempore certo.

Nec stipata magis fuit umquam materiali  
 copia nec porro maioribus intervallis ; 295  
 nam neque adaugescit quicquam neque deperit inde.  
 quapropter quo nunc in motu principiorum

A p. m. B which Lach. keeps: both must have been in the archetype. 268  
*conixa* Gif. for *conexa*, as in 160. *conexa* is absurd, though in nearly all eds.  
 before Lach. Lamb. says some mss. have *connixa*: but that I doubt. 275  
*perspicuum nobisst* AB for *perspicuumst nobis*: see Lach. for the strange frequency  
 with which *st* is thus transposed in AB. 277 *extera*. *extima* Pont. Mar.  
 vulgo wrongly; prob. from the *extrema* of Nicc. 278 279 *Pellat...rapi* Avanc.  
 rightly for *Pallat...rapit*. *Pellit...cogit...rapit* Junt. and vulg. before Wak.  
*Fallat* A corr. Nicc. Flor. 31 Camb. all Vat. *Pellat...cogat* Mar. *Fallit, cogit,*  
*rapit* Pont. 281 *copia* Flor. 31 Camb. for *cona*. 283 *residit* Flor. 31 for *residia*.  
 291 *quasi* Nicc. for *quaei*. *hoc* add. by Ed. *id* Lach. 294 *fuit umquam* Junt.  
 not Mar. for *fultum quam*. Cic. ad Att. xiii 40 1 for the corrupt *hic autem ut fultum*

corpora sunt, in eodem ante acta aetate fuere  
et post haec semper simili ratione ferentur,  
et quae consuerint gigni gignentur eadem      300  
condicione et erunt et crescent vique valebunt,  
quantum cuique datum est per foedera naturai.  
nec rerum summam commutare ulla potest vis;  
nam neque, quo possit genus ullum materiai  
effugere ex omni, quicquam est *extra*, neque in omne    305  
unde coorta queat nova vis intrumpere et omnem  
naturam rerum mutare et vertere motus.

Illud in his rebus non est mirabile, quare,  
omnia cum rerum primordia sint in motu,  
summa tamen summa videatur stare quiete,      310  
praeterquam siquid proprio dat corpore motus.  
omnis enim longe nostris ab sensibus infra  
primorum natura iacet: quapropter, ubi ipsa  
cernere iam nequeas, motus quoque surpere debent;  
praesertim cum, quae possimus cernere, celent      315  
saepe tamen motus spatio diducta locorum.  
nam saepe in colli tondentes pabula laeta  
lanigerae reptant pecudes quo quamque vocantes  
invitant herbae gemmantes rore recenti,  
et satiati agni ludunt blandeque coruscant;      320  
omnia quae nobis longe confusa videntur  
et velut in viridi candor consistere colli.  
praeterea magnae legiones cum loca cursu  
camporum complent belli simulacra cientes,  
fulgor ibi ad caelum se tollit totaque circum      325  
aere renidescit tellus superque virum vi  
excitur pedibus sonitus clamoreque montes

*est* read *hic autem, ut fuit tum, est.*      301 *vique valebunt.* *inque valebunt* Pont.  
Mar. Ald. 1 Junt. vulg. ‘vix latine’ says Lach.      305 *extra* added by Ed. after  
*quicquam est*, in which it was absorbed: the sentence requires this: comp. v 361  
and 1 963, and Camb. Journ. of phil. 1 p. 375. Lach. adds *seorsum* at end of verse.  
*neque rursus in omne* Mar. Ald. 1 Junt. vulg.      313 *ipsa* Gif. for *ipsum*.      314  
*surpere* Pont. Junt. for *asurpere*.      322 *vel ut in* Lach. rightly for *veluti in* of all  
mss. and eds.: mss. seem to have a tendency to this blunder: 780 *uti in* for *ut in*;  
above v. 86 *fit uti* for *fit ut*; Virg. Aen. iv 402 *veluti ingentem M a c, velut P γ b*  
rightly; vi 708 *veluti in* FGM, *velut in* P etc. ap. Ribbeck: *uti* is never found before  
a vowel: see also 536 and Lach. there.      325 *ibi* Mar. Ald. 1 Junt. for *ubi*.

icti reiectant voces ad sidera mundi  
 et circumvolitant equites mediosque repente  
 tramittunt valido quatientes impete campos. 330  
 et tamen est quidam locus altis montibus *unde*  
 stare videntur et in campis consistere fulgor.

Nunc age iam deinceps cunctarum exordia rerum  
 qualia sint et quam longe distantia formis  
 percipe, multigenis quam sint variata figuris; 335  
 non quo multa parum simili sint praedita forma,  
 sed quia non volgo paria omnibus omnia constant.  
 nec mirum; nam cum sit eorum copia tanta  
 ut neque finis, uti docui, neque summa sit ulla,  
 debent nimirum non omnibus omnia prorsum 340  
 esse pari filo similique affecta figura.  
 praeter eat genus humanum mutaeque natantes  
 squamigerum pecudes et laeta armenta feraeque  
 et variae volucres, laetantia quae loca aquarum  
 concelebrant circum ripas fontisque lacusque, 345  
 et quae pervolgant nemora avia per volitantes;  
 quorum unum quidvis generatim sumere perge,  
 invenies tamen inter se differre figuris.  
 nec ratione alia proles cognoscere matrem  
 nec mater posset prolem; quod posse videmus 350  
 nec minus atque homines inter se nota cluere.  
 nam saepe ante deum vitulus delubra decora  
 turicremas propter mactatus concidit aras  
 sanguinis exprans calidum de pectore flumen;  
 at mater viridis saltus orbata per agrans 355  
 noscit humi pedibus vestigia pressa bisulcis,  
 omnia convisens oculis loca si queat usquam

330 *tramittunt* A, *transmittunt* B. 331 *unde* added by Nicc. 337 *constant* Nicc. Flor. 31 Camb. vulg. Lamb. for *constat*: 694 *constant* B Nicc. (?), Camb. vulg.: 724 *constant* AB vulg.: in all three places *constant* Lach.; but I believe the indic. to be right, and the subj. to have come from the adjacent verbs: see notes 2. 342 *Praeter eat* Ed. for *Praetere*. *Praeterea* Nonius p. 158. *Praestat rem* Ed. formerly. *Parturiunt* Lach. which I don't understand. *Praeterea* and 347 *Horum* for *Quorum* Junt. vulgo: not Mar. 343 *armenta* Bentl. and Tonson's edition for *arbusta*. 347 *quidvis* Lach. for *quodvis*, as iv 126. 356 *Noscit* Lach. for *Nonquit* A Flor. 31 Camb. etc. *Non quid* Nicc. *Oinquit* B, *Oinquid* Gott. *Linquit* B corr. Mar. Ald. 1 Junt. vulgo, without sense. *Novit* Brieger: but Lucr.

conspicere amissum fetum, completque querellis  
frondiferum nemus absistens et crebra revisit  
ad stabulum desiderio perfixa iuvenci, 360  
nec tenerae salices atque herbae rore vigentes  
fluminaque illa queunt summis labentia ripis  
oblectare animum subitamque avertere curam,  
nec vitulorum aliae species per pabula laeta  
derivare queunt animum curaque levare : 365  
usque adeo quiddam proprium notumque requirit.  
praeterea teneri tremulis cum vocibus haedi  
cornigeras norunt matres agnique petulci  
balantum pecudes: ita, quod natura reposcit,  
ad sua quisque fere decurrunt ubera lactis. 370  
postremo quodvis frumentum non tamen omne  
quique suo genere inter se simile esse videbis,  
quin intercurrat quaedam distantia formis.  
concharumque genus parili ratione videmus  
pingere telluris gremium, qua mollibus undis 375  
litoris incurvi bibulam pavit aequor harenam.  
quare etiam atque etiam simili ratione necessest,  
natura quoniam constant neque facta manu sunt  
unius ad certam formam primordia rerum,  
dissimili inter se quaedam volitare figura. 380  
Perfacile est tali ratione exsolvare nobis  
quare fulmineus multo penetralior ignis  
quam noster fuat e taedis terrestribus ortus;  
dicere enim possis caelestem fulminis ignem  
suptilem magis e parvis constare figuris 385

rather uses *nosco*.      359 *absistens* Ed. for *adsittens*. *adsidueis* Lach. which is  
very weak.    *adsistens* B corr. Nicc. vulg.      361 *vigentes*. *virentes* Macrob. sat.  
**vi 2.**      362 *illa* AB Gott. *ulla* Macrob. l.l. 'B corr.' says Lach. A corr. as I and  
Heins. have noted, Camb. vulgo.      363 *subitam* I now keep: see notes 2. *sump-*  
*tam* Ed. in 1st ed. *solitam* Lach.; but the care here is quite *insolita*.      365  
*curaque*. *curamque* A corr. Nicc.      369 *Balatum* A Gott. Nicc. etc. *Balatum* B  
Flor. 31 Camb. etc.      371 *non tamen omne*. *non ita*, Memmi Bruno (Harburg  
1872, p. 3): acutely; but see notes 2.      372 *quique* Lach. for *quidque*.  
376 *pavit*. *lavit* Nonius Mar. Ald. 1 Junt. Lamb. in text, but in notes he prefers  
*pavit*.      381 *est tali* Lach. for *est animi*. *est parili* Bern. not so well: the *t* of  
*tali* was absorbed in *est*. *est iam animi* Lamb.; but *animi* is out of place.  
383 *fuat* Faber and Bentl. for *fluat*: Livy xxv 12 6 mss. have *fluat* for *fuat*.      387

- atque ideo transire foramina quae nequit ignis  
noster hic e lignis ortus taedaque creatus.  
praeterea lumen per cornum transit, at imber  
respuitur. quare? nisi luminis illa minora  
corpora sunt quam de quibus est liquor almus aquarum.  
et quamvis subito per colum vina videmus                          391  
perfluere; at contra tardum cunctatur olivom,  
aut quia nimirum maioribus est elementis  
aut magis hamatis inter se perque plicatis,  
atque ideo fit uti non tam diducta repente                          395  
inter se possint primordia singula quaeque  
singula per cuiusque foramina permanare.
- Huc accedit uti mellis lactisque liquores  
iucundo sensu linguae tractentur in ore;  
at contra taetra absinthi natura ferique                          400  
centauri foedo pertorquent ora sapore;  
ut facile agnoscas e levibus atque rutundis  
esse ea quae sensus iucunde tangere possunt,  
at contra quae amara atque aspera cumque videntur,  
haec magis hamatis inter se nexa teneri                          405  
proptereaque solere vias rescindere nostris  
sensibus introituque suo perrumpere corpus.
- Omnia postremo bona sensibus et mala tactu  
dissimili inter se pugnant perfecta figura;  
ne tu forte putas serrae stridentis acerbum                          410  
horrorem constare elementis levibus aequae  
ac musaea mele, per chordas organici quae  
mobilibus digitis expergefacta figurant;  
neu simili penetrare putas primordia forma  
in nares hominum, cum taetra cadavera torrent,                          415  
et cum scena croco Cilici perfusa recens est  
araque Panchaeos exhalat propter odores;  
neve bonos rerum simili constare colores  
semine constituas, oculos qui pascere possunt,  
et qui compungunt aciem lacrimareque cogunt                          420

*ortus. ortu* Lach.: comp. vi 909 *fit ortus*, and 1141.                  390 *almus* B corr. Brix.  
*Pont. annis* Mar. for *alimus*.                  397 *cuiusque. coli usque* Bruno (Harburg 1872).  
 401 ‘*oratio lenius decurret, si scribemus pertorqueat. sed potest ferri pertorquent*’  
 Lach.                  403 *iucunde tangere* Nicc. for *iucundet tacere*.                  413 *Mobilibus Poli-*

aut foeda specie diri turpesque videntur.  
 omnis enim, sensus quae mulcet cumque, *figura*  
 haut sine principiali aliquo levore creatast;  
 at contra quaecumque molesta atque aspera constat,  
 non aliquo sine materiae squalore repertast. 425  
 sunt etiam quae iam nec levia iure putantur  
 esse neque omnino flexis mucronibus unca,  
 sed magis angellis paulum prostantibus, *ut qui*  
 titillare magis sensus quam laedere possint;  
 faecula iam quo de genere est inulæque sapores. 430  
 denique iam calidos ignis gelidamque pruinam  
 dissimili dentata modo compungere sensus  
 corporis, indicio nobis est tactus uterque.  
 tactus enim, tactus, pro divum numina sancta,  
 corporis est sensus, vel cum res extera sese 435  
 insinuat, vel cum laedit quae in corpore natant  
 aut iuvat egrediens genitalis per Veneris res,  
 aut ex offensu cum turbant corpore in ipso  
 semina confunduntque inter se concita sensum;  
 ut si forte manu quamvis iam corporis ipse 440  
 tute tibi partem ferias atque experiare.  
 quapropter longe formas distare necesset  
 principiis, varios quae possint edere sensus.

Denique quae nobis durata ac spissa videntur,  
 haec magis hamatis inter sese esse necesset 445  
 et quasi ramosis alte compacta teneri.

tian marg. Flor. 29 and Nauger. for *nobilibus*. 421 *diri turpesque* Lach. for *di turpesque*. *fedi turpesque*, qui olidi t., tetri t., *turpes olidique* have all been read. *caeli turpesque* Nicc. and oldest eds. 422 *figura* Lach. after Schneidewin Phil. III p. 538 for *videntur* which has come from 421 and supplanted the feminine substantive. *quae mulcet causa iuvatque* Junt. *quae mulcet cunque iuvatque* Avanc. without sense; but at end of his ed. of Catullus he bids us read *quae mulcet causa iuvatque. mulctat causa iuvatque* Mar. apparently; but the words are much erased.

423 *levore* Avanc. for *leviore*. 427 *unca. unque* mss. 428 *ut qui* added by Ed. and N. P. Howard. *et quae* Flor. 31 Camb. vulgo. *quaequa* Lach. *unde* Bern. *quique*, i.e. *angelli*, Ed. formerly: the *que* at end of 427 comes from the lost *ut qui*. Then 429 *possint* A Nicc. Flor. 31 Camb., and (as I learn from Lach. p. 298) cod. Sangallensis. schol. in Iuvenalem; rightly, as the subj. is necessary. *possunt* B Gott. vulg. Lach. 430 *inulæque* Lamb. first for *inviaæque. vinique* Nicc. 437 *egrediens* Flor. 31 Camb. etc. for *grediens*. 438 *aut*: Lach. seems to me wrong in changing this to *atque*. 439 *que* added by Mar. Junt. vulgo. 451 *e* Lach.

in quo iam genere in primis adamantina saxa  
 prima acie constant ictus contemnere sueta  
 et validi silices ac duri robora ferri  
 aeraque quae claustris restantia vociferantur.                          450

illa quidem debent e levibus atque rutundis  
 esse magis, fluido quae corpore liquida constant;  
 NAMQUE PAPAVERIS HAUSTUS ITEMST FACILIS QUOD AQUARUM  
 nec retinentur enim inter se glomeramina quaeque  
 et procerus item proclive volubilis exstat.                          455

omnia postremo quae puncto tempore cernis  
 diffugere, ut fumum nebulas flammisque, necessest,  
 si minus omnibu' sunt e levibus atque rutundis,  
 at non esse tamen perplexis indupedita,  
 pungere uti possint corpus penetrareque vesca                          460

nec tamen haerere inter se; quodcumque videmus  
 sensib' sedatum, facile ut cognoscere possis  
 non e perplexis sed acutis esse elementis.  
 sed quod amara vides eadem quae fluvida constant,  
 sudor uti maris est, minime mirabile habeto;                          465

nam quod fluvidus est, e levibus atque rutundis  
 est, et *squalida multa creant* admixta doloris  
 corpora; nec tamen haec retineri hamata necessumst;

for *ex*, as our mss. elsewhere have *e* before *l.*                          452 *corpore* A corr. for *corpora*.

453 Lamb. justly ejects: it is quite out of place: does it refer to poppy seeds, or poppy juice? in the former case it is untrue, in the latter unmeaning: Lach. retains it, and for *quod* reads *quasi* after M. Haupt.                          455 *procerus* Mar.? Junt. for *perculus*.

456—463: a passage variously emended: the changes I have made are slight and I think not improbable.                          458 *omnibu'* Lamb. after Muretus for *omnia*: comp. iv 82 where I read *Moenibu'* for *Moenia*. *omnino sint levibus* Pont. Junt.

460 *vesca* Ed. for *saxa*: with *penetrareque saxe* of mss. for *penetrareq. vesca* comp. vi 541 *summerscosa* of mss. for *summersaq. saxe*; and vi 223 *sasca* mss. for *saxa*. *laxa* Ed. formerly. *sese* Lach.                          462 *sedatum* of mss. I now keep: *sic latum* Ed. formerly: Lach. reads 461 *venenumst* for *videmus*, and 462 *sed rarum* for *sedatum*, making two changes. *Ventis esse datum* Bern. strangely for *Sensibus sedatum*. *Sentibus esse datum* Faber conjectures: but he thinks with Lamb. that 461—463 are spurious.                          461 *quodcumque. quod quisque* Mar. Junt. vulg., wrongly joining this clause with the preceding.                          465 *habeto* Ed. for *debet*. *habebis* Lach.: but he thinks *debet* may be right and a verse be lost, and this Bern. assumes. *est minime mirabile habendum* 3 Vat. Mon. Ald. 1 Junt. 'Marullus' says Gif. *cuiquam Gif.* 'Ita v. l.' i.e. Ver. Ven. he having the latter before him with Marullus' ms. emendations; among which Marullus had inserted the reading of his ms. Mon.: Brix. omits the word.                          466 *fluvidus est. fluividum est* Ver. Ven.

scilicet esse globosa tamen, cum squalida constent,  
provolvi simul ut possint et laedere sensus. 470  
et quo mixta putas magis aspera levibus esse  
principiis, unde est Neptuni corpus acerbum,  
est ratio secernendi; seorsumque videndi  
umor dulcis, ubi per terras crebrius idem  
percolatur, ut in foveam fluat ac mansuescat; 475  
linquit enim supera taetri primordia viri,  
aspera quom magis in terris haerescere possint.

Quod quoniam docui, pergam conectere rem quae  
ex hoc apta fidem ducat, primordia rerum  
finita variare figurarum ratione. 480  
quod si non ita sit, rursum iam semina quaedam  
esso infinito debebunt corporis auctu.  
namque in eodem, una cuiusvis in brevitate  
corporis inter se multum variare figurae  
non possunt: fac enim minimis e partibus esse 485  
corpora prima tribus, vel paulo pluribus auge;  
nempe ubi eas partis unius corporis omnis,  
summa atque ima locans, transmutans dextera laevis,  
omnimodis expertus eris, quam quisque det ordo  
formai speciem totius corporis eius, 490  
quod superest, si forte voles variare figurae,  
addendum partis alias erit, inde sequetur,

followed by all eds. before Lach. though the metre is thereby violated. 467  
*Est e levibus atque rutundi admixta doloris Corpora* mss.: some of these words  
it is plain have come from 466 and supplanted the words of Lucr. *Est, et levib' sunt aliunde* etc. Lach.: but he adds ‘quamquam sic quoque mirationem faciunt  
illa doloris Corpora, quae sunt pungentia sensus et laedentia’: quite true: Bern.  
reads *Est et squalida sunt illis* etc., and *squalida* indeed seems necessary: I have  
therefore written *Est, et squalida multa creant admixta doloris Corpora: doloris*  
being of course the accus. plur. 468 *necessumst* Lach. for *necessu*. 469  
*constent* old eds. for *constet*. 471 *Et quo* Pont. Mar. Junt. for *Et quod*.

471—477: by a better punctuation and by doubling one letter I have rectified  
this passage; 473 I have placed a stop after *secernendi*, and removed that which  
all former editors have put after *videndi*, and 477 have written *quom magis*  
for *quo magis*. Lach. puts 476 before 474 and then leaves a most involved  
sentence. 474 *dulcis. dulcit* Gif. not Lamb.: Lamb. keeps *dulcis* ed. 1  
and 2: he conjectures *acerbus* and reads *dulcet* ed. 3. 477 *possint. possunt*  
Mar. Junt. Lamb. vulgo. 483 *in eodem, una* Ed. for *in eadem una*. *eadem unius*  
Lach. 488 *transmutans* B corr. for *transmutas*. 497 *semina* A corr. for

adsimili ratione alias ut postulet ordo,  
 si tu forte voles etiam variare figuræ.  
 ergo formarum novitatem corporis augmen  
 subsequitur. quare non est ut credere possis  
 esse infinitis distantia semina formis,  
 ne quaedam cogas inmani maximitate  
 esse, supra quod iam docui non posse probari.  
 iam tibi barbaricae vestes Meliboeaque fulgens  
 purpura Thessalico concharum tacta colore  
 . . . .  
 aurea pavonum ridenti imbuta lepore  
 saecla, novo rerum superata colore iacerent  
 et contemptus odor smyrnae mellisque sapores,  
 et cycnea mele Phœbeaque daedala chordis  
 carmina consimili ratione oppressa silerent;  
 namque aliis aliud praestantius exoreretur.  
 cedere item retro possent in deteriores  
 omnia sic partis, ut diximus in melioris;  
 namque aliis aliud retro quoque taetrius esset  
 naribus auribus atque oculis orisque saporis.  
 quae quoniam non sunt, *sed* rebus redditæ certa  
 finis utrimque tenet summam, fateare necessest  
 materiem quoque finitis differre figuris.  
 denique ab ignibus ad gelidas iter usque pruinæ  
 finitumst retroque pari ratione remensumst;  
 omnis enim calor ac frigus mediique tempos  
 interutrasque iacent explentes ordine summam.  
 ergo finita distant ratione creata,

*femina.* 499 *probari* Ald. 1 Junt. for *probare*. *esse probare* Mar. 501: I believe a verse is here lost of this nature *et quos ostendunt in solis luce colores. tacta* Lach. after Oudendorp Lucan x 491 for *tecta. tincta* Junt. vulg. 502 *ridenti* Fr. Medices for *rident* and 503 *noro* for *nova. Aurea, p. ridenti imitata* etc. Lach.: Lamb. and vulg. edd. *et at end of 501.* 503 *Saecla. Pepla P. Burmann Wak.* 504 *Et contemptus odor* Flor. 31 Camb. Brix. Ven. Mar. vulg. for *Et contemptus udor. Et contemptus suodor* Nicc. Ver.: hence I infer the ms. of Poggio had *sudor.* 512 *sed added by Lach.* 514 *finitis* Politian (?), Pont. Mar. Ald. 1 Junt. for *infinitis.* 515 *iter usque* Lach. for *hiemisque.* perhaps *hiemum usque.* 517 *Omnis* of mss. is right. *Extima* Ed. formerly. Ambit Lach. *Finis* Mar. Junt. *Finit* Lamb. vulgo. 518 *Interutrasque*: see notes 2. *Inter utrasque* mss. *Interutraque* Lach. here and in five other places, v 472 476 vi 362 1062, and iii 306 where I read *Inter utrosque*, and v 839 for *inter*

ancipi*t*i quoniam mueroni utrimque notantur, 520  
hinc flammis illine rigidis infesta pruinis.

Quod quoniam docui, pergam conectere rem quae  
ex hoc apta fidem ducat, primordia rerum,  
inter se simili quae sunt perfecta figura,  
infinita cluere. etenim distantia cum sit 525  
formarum finita, necesse est quae similes sint  
esse infinitas aut summam materiai  
finitam constare, id quod non esse probavi  
versibus ostendens corpuscula materiai  
ex infinito summam rerum usque tenere, 530  
undique protelo plagarum continuato.  
nam quod rara vides magis esse animalia quaedam  
fecundamque minus naturam cernis in illis,  
at regione locoque alio terrisque remotis  
multa licet genere esse in eo numerumque repleri; 535  
sicut quadripedum cum primis esse videmus  
in genere anguimanus elephantes, India quorum  
milibus e multis vallo munitur eburno,  
ut penitus nequeat penetrari: tanta ferarum  
vis est, quarum nos per pauca exempla videmus. 540  
sed tamen id quoque uti concedam, quamlibet esto  
unica res quaedam nativo corpore sola,

*utras.* 521 *infesta* Lach. for *infessa*, and so Lamb. in notes, *insessa* in text  
after Mar. Junt. *infensa* Flor. 31 Vat. 1954 Othob. old eds.

522—568: this passage I have fully discussed in Camb. Journ. of phil. iv p. 143  
etc. where I have shewn that Lach. is quite wrong in enclosing 522—528 in brackets.  
and beginning a new paragraph at 529, and there reading *Protinus* for *Versibus*: he  
gives us the alternative, which Bern. has adopted, of assuming one or more verses  
to have been lost before *Versibus*; and indeed all before him from Mar. Ald. 1 and  
Junt. downwards have inserted this line, *Quod quoniam docui, nunc suaviloquius*  
*age paucis.* Victorius in his copy of Marullus' notes has not this line; but, for  
*Versibus*, *Nunc vero*, Marullus' first thought, answering to Lachmann's *Protinus*.  
No stop is to be put at the end of 528, and 529 *ostendens* is to be read for *osten-*  
*dam*; and then all difficulty vanishes. 533 *minus* Lamb. most rightly for  
*magis* which Wak. absurdly tries to explain. 535 *genere* Mar.? Junt. for  
*genera.* 536 *Sicut* Bentl. for *Sicuti*: iii 816 mss. have the same error. Lach-  
mann's note shews the strange tendency of mss. to read *sicuti* for *sicut*, as above  
*veluti* for *velut*: in the passage he quotes from Plautus mil. 727, it now appears  
from Ritschl that the Ambrosian palimpsest has rightly *sicut*: Cic. Arat. 131 on the  
other hand Orelli reads *Sicuti cum captant*: Cic. de senect. 14, though the latest  
editors read the verse of Ennius *Sic ut fortis equus*, 5 of their 6 mss. have *Sicuti*.

541 *lubet* B corr. Flor. 31 Camb. for *iubet*. 543 *nulla* added by Lach. *non*

cui similis toto terrarum *nulla* sit orbi;  
infinita tamen nisi erit vis materiai  
unde ea progigni possit concepta, creari      545  
non poterit, neque, quod superest, procrescere aliisque.  
quippe etenim sumam hoc quoque uti finita per omne  
corpora iactari unius genitalia rei,  
unde ubi qua vi et quo pacto congressa coibunt  
materiae tanto in pelago turbaque aliena ?      550  
non, ut opinor, habent rationem conciliandi ;  
sed quasi naufragiis magnis multisque coortis  
disiectare solet magnum mare transtra gubernata  
antennas proram malos tonsasque natantis,  
per terrarum omnis oras fluitantia aplustra      555  
ut videantur et indicium mortalibus edant,  
infidi maris insidias virisque dolumque  
ut vitare velint, neve ullo tempore credant,  
subdola cum ridet placidi pellacia ponti,  
sic tibi si finita semel primordia quaedam      560  
constitues, aevom debebunt sparsa per omnem  
disiectare aestus diversi materiai,  
numquam in concilium ut possint compulsa coire  
nec remorari in concilio nec crescere adaucta ;  
quorum utrumque palam fieri manifesta docet res,      565  
et res progigni et genitas procrescere posse.  
esse igitur genere in quovis primordia rerum  
infinita palam est unde omnia suppeditantur.

Nec superare queunt motus itaque exitiales  
perpetuo neque in aeternum sepelire salutem,      570  
nec porro rerum genitales auctificique  
motus perpetuo possunt servare creatuam.  
sic aequo geritur certamine principiorum  
ex infinito contractum tempore bellum :  
nunc hic nunc illic superant vitalia rerum      575

*sit in orbi* B corr. *non sit in orbe* Nicc. Flor. 31 Camb. Mon. vulgo: perhaps  
rightly.      547 *sumam* hoc quoque uti Ed. for the meaningless *sumant oculi*:  
comp. 541. *si manticular* Lach. strangely. Wak. tells us that Bentl. obelised the  
words; and it is strange that all editors before Wak., even Junt. and Lamb., left  
them unnoticed: Wak. conj. *sumant ollei*.      553 *gubernata* Lamb. for *caverna*.  
*carinas* Nicc.      555 *aplustra* Politian Mar. Junt. for *plastrata* A, *plausta* B Nicc.  
Camb.      560 *si finita* B corr. Ver. Ven. Mar. for *si infinita*.

et superantur item. miscetur funere vagor  
 quem pueri tollunt visentis luminis oras ;  
 nec nox ulla diem neque noctem aurora secutast  
 quae non audierit mixtos vagitibus aegris  
 ploratus mortis comites et funeris atri.

580

Illud in his obsignatum quoque rebus habere  
 convenit et memori mandatum mente tenere,  
 nil esse, in promptu quorum natura videtur,  
 quod genere ex uno consistat principiorum,  
 nec quicquam quod non permixto semine constet.  
 et quodcumque magis vis multas possidet in se  
 atque potestates, ita plurima principiorum  
 in sese genera ac varias docet esse figuras.

585

principio tellus habet in se corpora prima  
 unde mare immensum volventes frigora fontes  
 adsidue renovent, habet ignes unde oriuntur.  
 nam multis succensa locis ardent sola terrae,  
 eximiis vero furit ignibus impetus Aetnae.  
 tum porro nitidas fruges arbustaque laeta  
 gentibus humanis habet unde extollere possit,  
 unde etiam fluvios frondes et pabula laeta  
 montivago generi possit praebere ferarum.  
 quare magna deum mater materque ferarum  
 et nostri genetrix haec dicta est corporis una.

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Hanc veteres Graium docti cecinere poetae

595

sedibus in curru biiugos agitare leones,  
 aeris in spatio magnam pendere docentes  
 tellurem neque posse in terra sistere terram.  
 adiunxere feras, quia quamvis effera proles  
 officiis debet molliri victa parentum.

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586 *quod cumque* Lach. for *quaecumque*: previous editors have gone much astray. 593 (and 607) *Eximiis* Avanc. for *Ex imis*. ‘Sic v. l. o....Marull. ex Virg. lib. 5, *ex imis*, contra v. l.’: the ‘veteres libri omnes’ are only the Ven. in which were Marullus’ ms. notes: Ven. has *Eximis* which Gif. probably read *Eximiis*: Marullus perhaps referred to Aen. III 577 *fundoque exaestuat imo*, and divided the word: he makes no change in cod. Victor. 601: Lach. with reason supposes a verse to be lost here, which he thus supplies, *Magnifice divam ex ipsis penetralib⁹ vectam Sedibus*. Lamb. reads *Sublimem* for *Sedi-bus*. 605 *molliri* Nicc. Flor. 31 Camb. for *moliri*. 613 *orbem* Pont. Junt.

muralique caput summum cinxere corona,  
eximiis munita locis quia sustinet urbes;  
quo nunc insigni per magnas praedita terras  
horrifice fertur divinae matris imago.

hanc variae gentes antiquo more sacrorum  
Idaeam vocitant matrem Phrygiasque catervas  
dant comites, quia primum ex illis finibus edunt  
per terrarum orbem fruges coepisse creari.

gallos attribuunt, quia, numen qui violarint  
matris et ingrati genitoribus inventi sint,  
significare volunt indignos esse putandos,  
vivam progeniem qui in oras luminis edant.

tympana tenta tonant palmis et cymbala circum  
concava, raucisonoque minantur cornua cantu,  
et Phrygio stimulat numero cava tibia mentis,  
telaque praeporiant violenti signa furoris,

ingratos animos atque impia pectora volgi

conterrere metu quae possint numini' divae.

ergo cum primum magnas invecta per urbis

munificat tacita mortalis muta salute,

aere atque argento sternunt iter omne viarum  
largifica stipe ditantes ninguntque rosarum

floribus umbrantes matrem comitumque catervas.

hic armata manus, Curetas nomine Grai

quos memorant Phrygios, inter se forte *quod armis*

ludunt in numerumque exultant sanguinolenti

terrificas capitum quatientes numine cristas,

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for *orbes*. 615 *Matris* Flor. 31 Camb. for *Matri*. *sint* Lamb. first for *sunt*: Lach. says nothing; but Ed. as well as Heins. ms. notes and Goebel Rh. Mus. n. f. xv p. 414 found *inventi sunt* in AB. *sint inventi* Lach.: I prefer the rhythm of the ms. order. 623 *metu...numini' divae* Lach. at the suggestion of an 'amicus quidam' of Haverc. for *metu...numine divae*. 626 *iter omne viarum* Turnebus Gif. Lamb. ed. 2 and 3, vulg. for *ite omnia virum*: a certain correction. *ite omnia mirum* Nicc. some Vat. and old eds. *iter, omnia circum* Flor. 31 Camb. some Vat. Pont. Mar. Junt. Lamb. ed. 1. 630 *quod armis* a certain correction of Lach.: the sentence requiring the conjunction *quod* or *quia*, the sense *armis*. *catervas* of mss. is a mere blunder of the scribe who has taken it from 628: a form of error common in our mss.: comp. 422 i 555 vi 15 etc. *catenas* of B is again a mere miswriting of *caterwas*, though it has deceived many. *choreas* Pont.

631 *sanguinolenti* Bentl. for *sanguine fleti*. *sanguine freti* Nicc. and old eds. *sanguine laeti* Pont. Junt. Lamb. 632 *numine*. *momine* Lach. whom I followed

- Dictaeos referunt Curetas qui Iovis illum  
vagitum in Creta quondam occultasse feruntur,  
cum pueri circum puerum pernice chorea  
armatei in numerum pulsarent aeribus aera,  
ne Saturnus eum malis mandaret adeptus  
aeternumque daret matri sub pectore volnus. 635  
propterea magnam armati matrem comitantur,  
aut quia significant divam praedicere ut armis  
ac virtute velint patriam defendere terram  
praesidioque parent decorique parentibus esse.  
quae bene et eximie quamvis disposta ferantur,  
longe sunt tamen a vera ratione repulsa. 640  
omnis enim per se divom natura necessest  
inmortali aevo summa cum pace fruatur  
semota ab nostris rebus seiunctaque longe;  
nam privata dolore omni, privata periclis,  
ipsa suis pollens opibus, nil indiga nostri,  
nec bene promeritis capitur neque tangitur ira. 645  
655 hic si quis mare Neptunum Cereremque vocare  
constituit fruges et Bacchi nomine abuti  
mavolt quam laticis proprium proferre vocamen,  
concedamus ut hic terrarum dictitet orbem  
esse deum matrem, dum vera re tamen ipse 650  
680 religione animum turpi contingere parcat.  
652 terra quidem vero caret omni tempore sensu,  
et quia multarum potitur primordia rerum,  
multa modis multis effert in lumina solis. 655  
660 Saepe itaque ex uno tondentes grama campo  
lanigerae pecudes et equorum duellica proles  
buceriaeque greges eodem sub tegmine caeli  
665

in my small ed.: but see Ph. Wagner in Philologus supplement i p. 400, Conington to Aen. ii 123 and Lachmann's own note: comp. also iv 179. 636 *Armat et in numerum pernice chorea*: omitted by Pont. and Lamb. as manifestly made up out of 635 and 637. 653 *Constituit* Lach. for *Constituet*, as *mavolt* follows.

657 (680): this verse, which was the last of p. 73 of the archetype, has been transferred hither by Lach.: the scribe omitted it in its place and then wrote it at the bottom of the page. Pontanus acutely sees that both the vss. as given in mss. are fragmentary. *parcat* Lach. for *parato*. *parco* Flor. 31 Camb. etc.

658—660 (652—654) I have transferred hither: the *itaque* of 661 manifestly refers to them; so that if they are to keep their place, then (what comes to much the

- ex unoque sitim sedantes flumine aquai  
dissimili vivont specie retinentque parentum 665
- 665 naturam et mores generatim quaeque imitantur.  
tanta est in quovis genere herbae materiai  
dissimilis ratio, tanta est in flumine quoque.  
hinc porro quamvis animantem ex omnibus unam  
ossa crux venae calor umor viscera nervi 670
- 670 constituunt; quae sunt porro distantia longe,  
dissimili perfecta figura principiorum.  
tum porro quaecumque igni flammati cremantur,  
si nil praeterea, tamen haec in corpore condunt  
unde ignem iacere et lumen summittere possint 675
- 675 scintillasque agere ac late differre favillam.  
cetera consimili mentis ratione peragrans  
invenies igitur multarum semina rerum  
corpore celare et varias cohibere figuras.  
denique multa vides quibus et color et sapor una 680
- 681 reddita sunt cum odore: in primis pleraque dona  
haec igitur variis debent constare figuris;  
nidor enim penetrat qua fucus non it in artus,  
fucus item sorsum, *sorsum* sapor insinuatur  
sensibus; ut noscas primis differre figuris.  
dissimiles igitur formae glomeramen in unum 685  
conveniunt et res permixto semine constant.

same thing) 652—657 must be enclosed in brackets as a subsequent marginal addition of the poet's: see above, p. 29. 664 *sedantes* Nicc. B corr. for *se-dentes*. Brieger puts this v. before 662. 665 *retinentque parentum* Flor. 31 Vat. 1136 Othob. 1954 Othob. s.m. Mar. Ald. 1 Junt. for *retinent parente*.

669 *quamvis...unam* Lamb. for *quamvis...una*. *quemvis...unā* Nicc. *quemvis...*  
*unum* Mar. Junt. 674 *condunt* Ed. for *traduntur*. *celant* Lach. *cludunt* Bern. 675 *ignem* Nicc. for *igne*. *ignes* B corr. 681 a v. is lost here such as *Quis accensa solent fumare altaria divom*: see notes 2: not a letter of the mss. is to be changed. *in privis pluraque dona* Lach. In consequence of 657 (680) having been misplaced the older editors have made strange confusion here. 683 684 *fucus...Fucus* Lach. most properly for *sucus...Sucus*: 'nam *fucus* color est'.

684 *sorsum* AB only once. 'seorsum et rerum [Faber's text]. et rerum om. mss. vv. repetendum ut puto τὸ *sorsum* G.V.' ms. notes of Is. Vossius. Haverc. and through him Lach. misrepresent him: 'G.V.' is of course his father Gerard, whose reading therefore is the same as Lachmann's. 685 *primis* of mss. I now keep: see notes 2: *privis* Lach. after Vossius, Freiger, Haverc. who says 'egregie et hoc loco *privis* habet Marginalis noster': my ms. notes of Vossius are without

quin etiam passim nostris in versibus ipsis  
multa elementa vides multis communia verbis,  
cum tamen inter se versus ac verba necesse est      690  
confiteare alia ex aliis constare elementis;  
non quo multa parum communis littera currat  
aut nulla inter se duo sint ex omnibus isdem,  
sed quia non volgo paria omnibus omnia constant.  
sic aliis in rebus item communia multa      695  
multarum rerum cum sint primordia, verum  
dissimili tamen inter se consistere summa  
possunt; ut merito ex aliis constare feratur  
humanum genus et fruges arbustaque laeta.

Nec tamen omnimodis conecti posse putandum est      700  
omnia; nam volgo fieri portenta videres,  
semiferas hominum species existere et altos  
interdum ramos egigni corpore vivo,  
multaque conecti terrestria membra marinis,  
tum flammam taetro spirantis ore Chimaeras      705  
pascere naturam per terras omniparentis.  
quorum nil fieri manifestum est, omnia quando  
seminibus certis certa genetrice creata  
conservare genus crescentia posse videmus,  
scilicet id certa fieri ratione necessust.      710  
nam sua cuique cibis ex omnibus intus in artus  
corpora discedunt conexaque convenientis  
efficiunt motus; at contra aliena videmus  
reicere in terras naturam, multaque caecis  
corporibus fugiunt e corpore percita plagis,  
quae neque conecti quoquam potuere neque intus      715  
vitalis motus consentire atque imitari.  
sed ne forte putas animalia sola teneri

it.      693 *isdem* Lamb. for *idem*: ‘quod est sane simplicissimum, sed videtur abhorrire ab usu Lucretii’ says Lach. who reads awkwardly *nulli* for *nulla*, and *idem*. But here and v 349 Lucr. unquestionably used *isdem*, as did his contemporaries.      694 *constant* Ed. with B Nicc. (?), Camb. Mon. Lamb. vulg. *constent* Lach. with A corr.: see 337.      696 for *rerum* ‘f. verum G.V.’ in Isaac’s ms. notes: and before him Pont.; and so Lach.: yet *longe* of Flor. 31 Camb. Mar. may be right, as the scribe might well write *primordia rerum* mechanically from the mere fact of these words so often coming together.      716 *intus* Lach. for *inte.* *inter* B corr. Camb. *intra* Nicc.: *consentire* is here transitive.

legibus hisce, ea res ratio disternat omnis.

nam veluti tota natura dissimiles sunt

720

inter se genitae res quaeque, ita quamque necessest  
dissimili constare figura principiorum;

non quo multa parum simili sint praedita forma,  
sed quia non volgo paria omnibus omnia constant.

semina cum porro distent, differre necessust

725

intervalla vias conexus pondera plagas

concurrus motus, quae non animalia solum

corpora seiungunt, sed terras ac mare totum

secernunt caelumque a terris omne retentant.

Nunc age dicta meo dulci quaesita labore

730

percipe, ne forte haec albis ex alba rearis

principiis esse, ante oculos quae candida cernis,

aut ea quae nigrant nigro de semine nata;

nive alium quemvis quae sunt inbuta colorem,

propterea gerere hunc credas, quod materiai

735

corpora consimili sint eius tincta colore.

nullus enim color est omnino materiai

corporibus, neque par rebus neque denique dispar.

in quae corpora si nullus tibi forte videtur

posse animi iniectus fieri, procul avius erras.

740

nam cum caecigeni, solis qui lumina numquam

dispexere, tamen cognoscant corpora tactu,

ex ineunte aevo nullo coniuncta colore,

scire licet nostrae quoque menti corpora posse

vorti in notitiam nullo circumlita fuco.

745

*in se Bern.* which I don't understand. *inde* Brieger. 719 *Legibus his quaedam*  
*ratio disternat omnis* mss. *omnia* Lach. after Junt. as in 1106 without autho-  
 rity: *omnia* I doubt not comes from Marullus, as he uses it in the same way in his  
 hymn to earth at the end of a passage partly quoted p. 7 in which Lucr. is closely  
 imitated: see also reading of Junt. in 749; [the cod. Victor. proves my inference  
 to be correct here and 749: Marullus cites Virgil's *quin protinus omnia Perlegerent*  
*oculis*]. *hisce eadem r. d. omne Bern.*: but *omne* is hardly thus used; therefore I  
 read *hisce ea res r. d. omnis*: *quaedam* has no meaning. 721 *ita quanque*  
 Junt. for *ita cumque*. 724 *constant* Ed. *constent* AB vulg. Lach.: see 337  
 and 694. 734 *colorem* Nicc. vulg. for *colore*: Lamb. and Lach. deny that *imbuta*  
*colorem* is Latin; but see notes 2. Lach. reads *Nive alium quemvis quo sunt*  
*inbuta colore*, cet.; but the nominative *quae* is absolutely required here. *induta*  
 Lamb. for *inbuta*. 741 *lumina Flor.* 31 Camb. etc. for *numina*. 742 *Dis-*  
*pexere* Nicc. corr. Avanc. for *Despexere*. *Aspexere* Junt. Lamb. 743 Bentl.

denique nos ipsi caecis quaecumque tenebris  
tangimus, haud ullo sentimus tinteta colore.  
quod quoniam vinco fieri, nunc esse docebo

omnis enim color omnino mutatur in omnis;  
quod facere haud ullo debent primordia pacto;  
immutabile enim quiddam superare necesset,  
ne res ad nilum redigantur funditus omnes.  
nam quocumque suis mutatum finibus exit,  
continuo hoc mors est illius quod fuit ante.  
proinde colore cave contingas semina rerum,  
ne tibi res redeant ad nilum funditus omnes.

Praeterea si nulla coloris principiis est  
reddita natura et variis sunt praedita formis,  
e quibus omne genus gignunt variantque colores  
propterea, magni quod refert semina quaeque

cum quibus et quali positura contineantur  
et quos inter se dent motus accipiantque,  
perfacile extemplo rationem reddere possis  
cur ea quae nigro fuerint paulo ante colore,  
marmoreo fieri possint candore repente;

ut mare, cum magni commorunt aequora venti,  
vertitur in canos candenti marmore fluctus;  
dicere enim possis, nigrum quod saepe videmus,  
materies ubi permixta est illius et ordo

principiis mutatus et addita demptaque quaedam,

continuo id fieri ut candens videatur et album.

quod si caeruleis constarent aequora ponti

seminibus, nullo possent albescere pacto;

nam quocumque modo perturbes caerulea quae sint,  
numquam in marmoreum possunt migrare colorem.

sin alio atque alio sunt semina tinteta colore

quae maris efficiunt unum purumque nitorem,

ut saepe ex aliis formis variisque figuris

and Lach. place after 748: but see notes 2. 748 a v. is lost here. 749 *in omnis*  
Flor. 31 Camb. Nauger. for *et omnis*. *in omnia* Junt. after Marullus: see note to  
719. 759 *omne genus* Lach. for *omnigenus*. *omnigenos* A corr. Nicc. Flor. 31  
Camb. vulg. 760 *Propterea* Nicc. corr. Flor. 31 Camb. Mar. Junt. Lamb. ed. 1  
for *Praeterea* which Wak. and, strange to say, Lamb. ed. 2 and 3 retain.

763 *extemplo* Brix. Lamb. for *exempla*. 765 *possint* Lamb. for *possunt*.

efficitur quiddam quadratum unaque figura,  
conveniebat, ut in quadrato cernimus esse  
dissimiles formas, ita cernere in aequore ponti  
aut alio in quovis uno puroque nitore  
dissimiles longe inter se variosque colores.  
praeterea nil officiunt obstantque figurae  
dissimiles quo quadratum minus omne sit extra;  
at varii rerum impediunt prohibentque colores  
quominus esse uno possit res tota nitore.

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Tum porro quae ducit et inlicit ut tribuamus  
principiis rerum nonnumquam causa colores,  
occidit, ex albis quoniam non alba creantur,  
nec quae nigra cluent de nigris sed variis ex.  
quippe etenim multo proclivius exorientur  
candida de nullo quam nigro nata colore  
aut alio quovis qui contra pugnet et obstet.

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Praeterea quoniam nequeunt sine luce colores  
esse neque in lucem existunt primordia rerum,  
scire licet quam sint nullo velata colore.  
qualis enim caecis poterit color esse tenebris?  
lumine quin ipso mutatur propterea quod  
recta aut obliqua percussus luce refulget;  
pluma columbarum quo pacto in sole videtur,  
quae sita cervices circum collumque coronat;  
namque alias fit uti claro sit rubra pyropo,  
interdum quodam sensu fit uti videatur  
inter curalium viridis miscere zmaragdos.  
caudaque pavonis, larga cum luce repleta est,  
consimili mutat ratione obversa colores;

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779 *unaque figura* Nicc. for *unaque figuræ*. *unaque figura* est Flor. 31 Camb. Mar. Junt. *unaque figuræ* Lamb. after Muretus; ‘contra consuetudinem Lucretii’ says Lach. 780 *ut in* Lach. for *uti in*: see 322. 781 *in aequore* Ver. Ven. Politian (?) Mar. Junt. for *in aequora*. 783 *colores* Nicc. for *calores*.

785 *extra* seems quite appropriate: Lach. reads *ex his*. 788 *ducit et inlicit ut tribuamus* Lamb. and Turneb. for *ducit et inlicitu tribuamus* (*et om. A* Nicc.). *ducit in licitum ut tribuamus* Camb. *ut illicitum hoc tribuamus* Mar. Junt.

790 *creantur* Nicc. for *creatür*. 791 *Nec quae* Flor. 31 Camb. for *Neque variis ex* Wak. for *variis ea*. *variata* Pont. *variantur* Mar. Junt. *variant se* Ald. 1. 800 *refulget*. *refulgit* Lach. 802 *cervices*. *cervicemst* Brieger.

803 *rubra* Flor. 31 Camb. Mon. Ver. Ven. for *rubro*. 805 *curalium* Wak. for *caeruleum*. ‘*fo. beryllum*’ Bentl. 806 *larga cum luce* Nicc. B corr. for

qui quoniam quodam gignuntur luminis ietu,  
scire licet, sine eo fieri non posse putandum est.  
et quoniam plagae quoddam genus excipit in se  
pupula, cum sentire colorem dicitur album, 810  
atque aliud porro, nigrum cum et cetera sentit,  
nec refert ea quae tangas quo forte colore  
praedita sint, verum quali magis apta figura,  
scire licet nil principiis opus esse colores, 815  
sed variis formis variantes edere tactus.

Praeterea quoniam non certis certa figuris  
est natura coloris et omnia principiorum  
formamenta queunt in quovis esse nitore,  
cur ea quae constant ex illis non pariter sunt 820  
omne genus perfusa coloribus in genere omni?  
conveniebat enim corvos quoque saepe volantis  
ex albis album pinnis iactare colorem,  
et nigros fieri nigro de semine cycnos  
aut alio quovis uno varioque colore. 825

Quin etiam quanto in partes res quaeque minutis  
distrahitur magis, hoc magis est ut cernere possis  
evanescere paulatim stinguique colorem;  
ut fit ubi in parvas partis discerpitur austrum:  
purpura poeniceusque color clarissimu' multo, 830  
filatim cum distractum est, dispergitur omnis;  
noscere ut hinc possis prius omnem efflare colorem  
particulas quam discedant ad semina rerum.

Postremo quoniam non omnia corpora vocem  
mittere concedis neque odorem, propterea fit 835  
ut non omnibus adtribuas sonitus et odores.  
sic oculis quoniam non omnia cernere quimus,  
scire licet quaedam tam constare orba colore  
quam sine odore ullo quaedam sonituque remota,

*largo cum luce* which may be right. 809 *Scire licet. Scilicet id* Lamb. *est*  
*om. Nicc.* 814 *sint* Ald. 1 Junt. not Mar. for *sunt.* 815 *opus esse colores*  
Lamb. after Nonius for *colore* of mss.: see Lach. 821 *Omne genus* Lach. for  
*Omnigenus*, as 759. *Omnigenis* Nicc. vulg. 829 *austrum. ostrum* Wak. conj.  
for *aurum*: but the right punctuation I owe to Goebel quaest. Lucr. crit. p. 14,  
though Ven. Ald. 1 and Junt. have a full stop after *aurum. aurea Purpura* and  
831 *distracta* for *distractum* Lach. without judgment. *aurum* which previous  
editors retain has no sense. *usu* Bern. for *aurum.* 831 *dispergitur* Lach.

nec minus haec animum cognoscere posse sagacem      840  
quam quae sunt aliis rebus privata notare.

Sed ne forte putas solo spoliata colore  
corpora prima manere, etiam secreta teporis  
sunt ac frigoris omnino calidique vaporis,  
et sonitu sterila et suco iejuna feruntur,      845  
nec iaciunt ullum proprium de corpore odorem.  
sicut amaracini blandum stactaeque liquorem  
et nardi florem, nectar qui naribus halat,  
cum facere instituas, cum primis quaerere par est,  
quoad licet ac possis reperire, inolentis olivi      850  
naturam, nullam quae mittat naribus auram,  
quam minime ut possit mixtos in corpore odores  
concoctosque suo contractans perdere viro,  
propter eandem rem debent primordia rerum  
non adhibere suum gignundis rebus odorem      855  
nec sonitum, quoniam nil ab se mittere possunt,  
nec simili ratione saporem denique quemquam  
nec frigus neque item calidum tepidumque vaporem,  
cetera; quae cum ita sunt tamen ut mortalia constant,  
molli lenta, fragosa putri, cava corpore raro,      860  
omnia sint a principiis seiuncta necessest,  
inmortalia si volumus subiungere rebus  
fundamenta quibus nitatur summa salutis;  
ne tibi res redeant ad nilum funditus omnes.

Nunc ea quae sentire videmus cumque necessest      865  
ex insensilibus tamen omnia confiteare  
principiis constare. neque id manufesta refutant  
nec contra pugnant, in promptu cognita quae sunt,  
sed magis ipsa manu ducunt et credere cogunt  
ex insensilibus, quod dico, animalia gigni.      870  
quippe videre licet vivos existere vermes  
stercore de taetro, putorem cum sibi nacta est

for *disperditur*.      841 *notare* Lach. for *notaque*.      845 *iejuna* Flor. 31  
Camb. etc. for *et una*.      846 *proprium. proprio* Lach. with Junt. not Mar.;  
but compare 855. *ullo* Pont.      850 *possis. potis es* Lamb. Lach.: see  
notes 2.      853 *contractans* Lach., and some mss. of Priscian vi 91 for *con-*  
*tractans. contractos vulg. servare (superare Forbig.) et perdere* Nonius p. 188.

854 *Propter eandem rem* Lach. most truly for *Propter eandem. Propterea tan-*  
*dem* Flor. 31 Camb. Mar., *Propterea demum* Lamb., absurdly.      860 *Molli*

intempestivis ex imbris umida tellus;  
 praeterea cunctas itidem res vertere sese.  
 vertunt se fluvii frondes et pabula laeta  
 in pecudes, vertunt pecudes in corpora nostra  
 naturam, et nostro de corpore saepe ferarum  
 augescunt vires et corpora pennipotentum.  
 ergo omnes natura cibos in corpora viva  
 vertit et hinc sensus animantium procreat omnes,  
 non alia longe ratione adque arida ligna  
 explicat in flamas et *in ignis* omnia versat.  
 iamne vides igitur magni primordia rerum  
 referre in quali sint ordine quaeque locata  
 et commixta quibus dent motus accipiuntque ?

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Tum porro quid id est, animum quod percudit, ipsum  
 quod movet et varios sensus expromere cogit,  
 ex insensilibus ne credas sensile gigni ?  
 nimirum lapides et ligna et terra quod una  
 mixta tamen nequeunt vitalem reddere sensum.  
 illud in his igitur rebus meminisse decebit,  
 non ex omnibus omnino, quaecumque creant res,  
 sensile et extemplo me gigni dicere sensus,  
 sed magni referre ea primum quantula constent,  
 sensile quae faciunt, et qua sint praedita forma,  
 motibus ordinibus posituris denique quae sint.  
 quarum nil rerum in lignis glaebisque videmus ;  
 et tamen haec, cum sunt quasi putrefacta per imbras,  
 vermiculos pariunt, quia corpora materiai  
 antiquis ex ordinibus permota nova re  
 conciliantur ita ut debent animalia gigni.  
 deinde ex sensilibus qui sensile posse creari  
 constituunt, porro ex aliis sentire sueti

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Lamb. after Turnebus for *Mollia*.      875 *fluvii* Lamb. for *fluvii* in  
*frondes*.      882 *in ignis* Flor. 31 Camb. Pont. Mar. etc. for *ignis*.      888  
*gigni*. *nasci* Priscian iv 27: see above p. 1.      891 *rebus* Avanc. for *fedus*.  
*foedus* Wak. absurdly.      893 *Sensile* Nicc. for *Sensilia*. *et extemplo* Nauger.  
 and a late corrector of the cod. Victor. who more than once agrees with, probably  
 follows Naugerius, for *et templo*.      903 a v. is lost here such as *Ipsi sensilibus*,  
*mortalia semina reddunt* (or *habebunt*): Christ I now find suggests a v. has dropped  
 out. I do not alter a letter of the mss.: Lach. in 902 reads *ea* for *ex*, *seminibus*  
 for *sensilibus*, and 903 *sueti*s with Lamb., and 904 *iam* for *cum*. *tum* Lamb.

- mollia cum faciunt. nam sensus iungitur omnis  
visceribus nervis venis, quae cuique videmus                                  905  
mollia mortali consistere corpore creta.  
sed tamen esto iam posse haec aeterna manere:  
nempe tamen debent aut sensum partis habere  
aut simili totis animalibus esse putari.  
at nequeant per se partes sentire necesse est;                                  910  
namque alio sensus membrorum respicit omnis,  
nec manus a nobis potis est secreta neque ulla  
corporis omnino sensum pars sola tenere.  
linquitur ut totis animantibus adsimulentur.
- 923 sic itidem quae sentimus sentire necessest,                                  915  
915 vitali ut possint consentire undique sensu.  
qui poterunt igitur rerum primordia dici  
et leti vitare vias, animalia cum sint,  
adque animalia *sint* mortalibus una eademque ?  
quod tamen ut possint, at coetu concilioque                                  920  
920 nil facient praeter volgum turbamque animantium,  
scilicet ut nequeant homines armenta feraeque  
inter sese ullam rem gignere conveniundo.
- 924 quod si forte suum dimittunt corpore sensum  
atque alium capiunt, quid opus fuit adtribui id quod                          925  
detrahitur? tum praeterea, quo fugimus ante,  
quatenus in pullos animalis vertier ova  
cernimus alituum vermisque effervere, terram  
intempestivos quom putor cepit ob imbris,  
scire licet gigni posse ex non sensib' sensu.                                  930  
Quod si forte aliquis dicet dumtaxat oriri

905 *cuique* Ed. for *cumque*. *cuncta* Lach.909 *simili* Lach. for *similis*.910 *At* Mar. *Junt.* for *Aut.*                          911 *alio* Lach. for *alios*, *respicit* for *respiuit*.Nam ratio Bern. for *Namque alios*, retaining *respiuit*.                          915 (923) I follow  
Bern. in placing this verse here, rather than Lach. who makes it follow 916 (915).919 *animalia sint* Lach. for *animalibus*: comp. 458 and rv 81: *sint* was added  
by Mar. and Junt.                          920 *at coetu* Mon. Lach. for *ab eoretu*. *ab coetu* Junt.*concretu* Politian in marg. Flor. 29.                          922 *nequeant*. *nequeunt* Gif. Bentl.  
Lach.: but the potential is in place.                          926 *quo fugimus* Wak. for *quod fugimus*which Lach. in vain defends: the poet refers to 870 sqq., not to 886. *quod vicimus*  
Ed. in small ed.                          928 *effervere, terram Intempestivos quom (cum) putor cepit*  
Mar. for *offervere t. Intempestivus quam p. cepit A, coepit B. effervere* Nicc.

posse a non sensu sensum mutabilitate, aut aliquo tamquam partu quod proditus extet, huic satis illud erit planum facere atque probare non fieri partum nisi concilio ante coacto nec quicquam commutari sine conciliatu. principio nequeunt ullius corporis esse sensus ante ipsam genitam naturam animantis, nimirum quia materies disiecta tenetur aere fluminibus terris terraque creatis, nec congressa modo vitalis convenienti contulit inter se motus, quibus omnituente accensi sensus animante in quaque cidentur.	935
Praeterea quamvis animantem grandior ictus, quam patitur natura, repente adfligit et omnis corporis atque animi pergit confundere sensus. dissoluuntur enim positurae principiorum et penitus motus vitales impediuntur, donec materies, omnis concussa per artus, vitalis animae nodos a corpore solvit dispersamque foras per caulas eiecit omnis.	945
nam quid praeterea facere ictum posse reamur oblatum, nisi discutere ac dissolvere quaeque? fit quoque uti soleant minus oblatu acriter ictu reliqui motus vitalis vincere saepe, vincere, et ingentis plagae sedare tumultus inque suos quicquid rursus revocare meatus	950
coepit Junt. putror Lamb.                    932 Posse a non sensu Wak. for Posse ea non sensu, rather better than Posse ex of Lamb. Lach. etc. e Pont. sensum mutabilitate Lamb. ed. 3 in note for sensus mut. Lach. keeps sensus.                    933 quod proditus extet Ed. for quod proditum extra. quod protinus extet Lach. quod proditum extra Pont. Bern.; but the oratio obliqua requires the subjunctive.                    936 sine conciliatu. nisi conciliatum Goebel.                    938 ipsam Flor. 31 Camb. Pont. Mar. Ald. 1 Junt. for lesam.                    940 terraque creatis. Wak. has properly retained this reading of all mss. flammaque creatis Mar. Ald. 1 Junt. vulg. before Wak. aethraque creatis Lach.: but I do not know what aethra creata are, unless they be the same as terra creata, the various products of the earth.                    941 convenienti Lamb. for convenientes which Lach. retains: the termination of 942 has caused the mistake.                    943 animante in quaque cidentur Hugo Purmann in Jahn's Jahrb. f. Philol. 67 p. 673 for animantem quamque tuentur. animantium concurentur Lach.                    942 Bern. reads omnientes and 943 keeps the ms. reading: tuentur is quite foreign to the sense of the passage; else Lucre. would not avoid using omnituente and tuentur together.                    951 caulas B corr. Flor. 31 for	955

et quasi iam leti dominantem in corpore motum  
discutere ac paene amissos accendere sensus.  
nam qua re potius leti iam limine ab ipso  
ad vitam possit conlecta mente reverti,  
quam quo decursum prope iam siet ire et abire ?

Praeterea quoniam dolor est ubi materiai  
corpora vi quadam per viscera viva per artus  
sollicitata suis trepidant in sedibus intus,  
inque locum quando remigrant, fit blanda voluptas,  
scire licet nullo primordia posse dolore  
temptari nullamque voluptatem capere ex se ;  
quandoquidem non sunt ex ullis principiorum  
corporibus, quorum motus novitate laborent  
aut aliquem fructum capiant dulcedinis almae,  
haut igitur debent esse ullo praedita sensu.

Denique uti possint sentire animalia quaeque,  
principiis si iam est sensus tribuendus eorum,  
quid, genus humanum propritim de quibu' factumst ? 975  
scilicet et risu tremulo concussa cachinnant  
et lacrimis spargunt rorantibus ora genasque  
multaque de rerum mixtura dicere callent  
et sibi proporro quae sint primordia quaerunt ;  
quandoquidem totis mortalibus adsimulata

cavias. *eiecit. eicit* Nicc. Flor. 31 Camb. 954 *oblato* old eds. for *oblata*.  
961 *conlecta* Lamb. first for *coniecta* which Wak. absurdly retains. *possit* Lach.  
for *possint*: as the verb cannot refer to *sensus* or anything but *quamvis animantem*  
in 944. 963 *Praeterea. propterea* Lach. perversely: see notes 2: a new para-  
graph begins here. 975 *de quibu' factumst* Lamb. for *de quibus auctumst*,  
and 986 *non ex ridentib' factus* for *non ex ridentibus auctus*. Nonius p. 511 has  
*de quibus actus*. Lamb. ed. 3 adds most truly 'Primum Latine dici non potest  
*auctus de re aut ex re aliqua, sed auctus re aliqua* [speaking of course of the atoms  
of which a thing is made: v 322 *quodcumque alias ex se res auget alitque*, and  
the like have nothing to do with the question]. nam *auctus casum septimum sine*  
*praepositione postulat. deinde aliud est auctus re aliqua, aliud factus de re aut*  
*ex re aliqua. hoc qui nescit, fateatur se hospitem esse in lingua Latina'*: this he  
doubtless intended for Gifanius. Wak. more fearless than the angels keeps of  
course *auctum* and thus comments, 'editores *aptum* [most *factum*] ausi scilicet,  
libris omnibus religionem invocantibus contra profanos emendatores, dictionem  
Lucretio lubentissime frequentatam contextu emovere, et fetus proprios per au-  
diaciam odiosissimam atque perditissimam infercire. ὡς ἀργαλέον πρᾶγμ' ἔστιν,  
ὡς Ζεῦ καὶ θεοί'. Truly *delira haec furiosaque cernimus esse Et ridere potest non*  
*ex ridentib' factus*. 976 AB have here *cacinant*: and so perhaps Lucr.

ipsa quoque ex aliis debent constare elementis, inde alia ex aliis, nusquam consistere ut ausis: quippe sequar, quodcumque loqui ridcreque dices et sapere, ex aliis eadem haec facientibus ut sit. quod si delira haec furiosaque cernimus esse et ridere potest non ex ridentib' factus et sapere et doctis rationem reddere dictis non ex seminibus sapientibus atque disertis, qui minus esse queant ea quae sentire videmus seminibus permixta parentibus undique sensu ?	985
Denique caelesti sumus omnes semine oriundi; omnibus ille idem pater est, unde alma liquentis umoris guttas mater cum terra recepit, feta parit nitidas fruges arbustaque laeta et genus humanum, parit omnia saecla ferarum, pabula cum praebet quibus omnes corpora pascunt et dulcem ducunt vitam prolemque propagant; quapropter merito maternum nomen adepta est. redit item retro, de terra quod fuit ante, in terras, et quod missumst ex aetheris oris, id rursum caeli rellatum templa receptant.	995
nec sic interemit mors res ut materiai corpora conficiat, sed coetum dissupat ollis, inde aliis aliud coniungit; et effit ut omnes res ita convertant formas mutentque colores et capiant sensus et puncto tempore reddant;	1000
ut noscas referre eadem primordia rerum cum quibus et quali positura contineantur et quos inter se dent motus accipientque, neve putas aeterna penes residere potesse	1005
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wrote; but elsewhere they insert the *h.*      982 *alia* Ver. Ven. for *ali.*

985 *delira* Flor. 31 Camb. Brix. Mar. for *det ira.*      998 *adepta* B corr. Flor.  
31 Camb. for *adempta.*      1000 *missumst* Lactantius, *missum est* Camb. etc. for  
*missus.*      1001 *rellatum.* *fulgentia* Lactant. inst. vii 12.      1002 *mors res,*  
*ut* Mar. Ald. 1 Junt. for *mors ut res.*      1004 *coniungit;* *et effit* ut Ed. for  
*coniungit et efficit.* *coniungitur et fit* Lach. who has a full stop at *ollis.* Mar. Ald. 1  
Junt. vulg. have *ut* for *ita* in 1005: as no editor before Wak. would tolerate the  
omission of *ut.*      1007 *eadem* Avanc. for *earum.*      1010—1012 Lach. and  
Bern. with all previous editors have quite misunderstood this passage in which not  
a letter is to be changed: they take *quod* to be the conjunction; it is really the

corpora prima quod in summis fluitare videmus  
 rebus et interdum nasci subitoque perire.  
 quin etiam refert nostris in versibus ipsis  
 cum quibus et quali sint ordine quaeque locata.  
 si non omnia sunt, at multo maxima pars est  
 consimilis; verum positura discrepant res.      1017  
 sic ipsis in rebus item materiae  
 concursus motus ordo positura figurae      1021  
 cum permutantur, mutari res quoque debent.

Nunc animum nobis adhibe veram ad rationem.  
 nam tibi vementer nova res molitur ad auris  
 accedere et nova se species ostendere rerum.      1025  
 sed neque tam facilis res ulla est quin ea primum  
 difficilis magis ad credendum constet, itemque  
 nil adeo magnum neque tam mirabile quicquam,  
 quod non paulatim minuant mirarier omnes.  
 suspicio caeli clarum purumque colorem,      1030

relative: Lach. for *summis* unskilfully reads *cunctis*, and supposes 1013 to commence a new paragraph wholly unconnected with what precedes: he encloses in [ ] 1013—1104. The truth is 1013—1022 are closely united with what precedes if rightly understood. Mar. Junt. Lamb. ed. 1, vulg. have *parum* for *penes* in 1010. Lamb. ed. 3 has a long note shewing that his conception of the passage is no less confused than Lachmann's: the small word *quod* has given rise to these strange misapprehensions.      1015 1016=1 820 821 with the exception of *Significant* for *Constituent*: 1020=726 and v 438: Lach. has rightly seen that they are here quite out of place: in the first book they are properly said of the atoms, but here they interrupt the sense: 1020 the interpolator has transferred hither without taking the trouble of changing *vias* and *plagas* to *viae* and *plagae*, which was first done by Pont. and Mar.      1017 *sunt* Lach. for *sint*: he compares 458.

1023 *adhibe veram* B corr. Ver. Ven. Mar. for *adhibueram*.      1024 *vementer* Avanc. and Lach. rightly for *vehementes*: so *vemens* which occurs several times: in fact those were the only forms known to Lucr. and all writers of the best ages: see Lach.      1025 *Accēdere* all mss. and old eds.: this old form I have retained here and v 609 where A has *Accedere*, Nicc. *Accendere*: see Vahlen's Varron. sat. Menipp. p. 95, and his Ennian. trag. rel. 114 and 281, where the best mss. of Ennius and Varro retain the same form *accēdo*: it appears from Ribbeck that the mss. of Virgil preserve in many similar words *e* for *i*, but his judgment in adopting them seems often at fault: ap. Ribbeck trag. Lat. p. ix Fleckeisen gives examples from Plautus; Livy xxi 10 12 mss. have *accedere*: iii 239 I retain *recēpit* of mss. *peremo interemo neglego intellego* were the only forms admitted in the best ages, as the concurrent testimony of all good mss. proves.      1029 *minuant mirarier. mittant mirarier* Lach. which I adopted in the small ed.      1030 *Suspicio* Bern. for *Principio*. *Percipito* Lach. which can hardly be right: indeed *Principio* is so appropriate that I incline to think a verse is lost, such as this *Cuius, uti memoro, permulta exempla*

quaeque in se cohibet, palantia sidera passim,  
 lunamque et solis praeclara luce nitorem;  
 omnia quae nunc si primum mortalibus essent,  
 ex improviso si nunc obiecta repente,  
 quid magis his rebus poterat mirabile dici                    1035  
 aut minus ante quod auderent fore credere gentes?  
 nil, ut opinor: ita haec species miranda fuisset.  
 quam tibi iam nemo, fessus satiate videndi,  
 suspicere in caeli dignatur lucida templa!  
 desine quapropter novitate exterritus ipsa                    1040  
 expuere ex animo rationem, sed magis acri  
 iudicio perpende et, si tibi vera videntur,  
 dede manus, aut, si falsum est, accingere contra.  
 quaerit enim rationem animus, cum summa loci sit  
 infinita foris haec extra moenia mundi,                    1045  
 quid sit ibi porro quo prospicere usque velit mens  
 atque animi iactus liber quo pervolet ipse.

Principio nobis in cunctas undique partis  
 et latere ex utroque *supre* superque per omne  
 nulla est finis; uti docui, res ipsaque per se                    1050  
 vociferatur, et elucet natura profundi.

nullo iam pacto veri simile esse putandumst,  
 undique cum vorsum spatium vacet infinitum  
 seminaque in numero numero summaque profunda  
 multimodis volitent aeterno percita motu,                    1055  
 hunc unum terrarum orbem caelumque creatum,  
 nil agere illa foris tot corpora materiai;  
 cum praesertim hic sit natura factus, ut ipsa  
 sponte sua forte offensando semina rerum,  
 multimodis temere incassum frustraque coacta,                    1060

*videmus*: *Principio*, 'chief of all'. Lamb. has *Principio quod non m. m. o. Paulatim, caeli* etc. on no authority, though he appeals to 'veteres libri'.                    1031  
*cohibet* Lach. for *cohibent*: he justly wonders no one before him saw this. *quemque* ...*cohibent* previous editors.                    1033 *essent*. *extent* Orelli Lach. *adsint* Pont. Junt. Lamb. etc.: the imperfect seems necessary; I therefore in 1034 read *si nunc* for *si sint*: the *si* was written twice; hence the error. *essent...Ex improviso visu subiecta* Bern.                    1047 *iactus* Gronov. Bentl. for *tactus*. *iniectus* Mar. Junt. which gives the right sense. *libero quo pervolet ipse* B, *volet* A. *liber quo pervolet ire* Lamb.                    1049 *supra superque* Lach. rightly for *superque*. *superque infraque* Politian in marg. Flor. 29, *infraque superque* Mar. *subterque* Pont. *infra superque* Ald. 1 Junt. Lamb. vulg.                    1058 *ut* Ed. for *et*: Lach. inserts *ut* before *semina in*

tandem colarunt ea quae coniecta repente  
 magnarum rerum fierent exordia semper,  
 terrai maris et caeli generisque animantium.  
 quare etiam atque etiam talis fateare necesse est  
 esse alios alibi congressus materiai,  
 qualis hic est, avido complexu quem tenet aether.

1065

Praeterea cum materies est multa parata,  
 cum locus est praesto nec res nec causa moratur  
 ulla, geri debent nimirum et confieri res.  
 nunc et seminibus si tanta est copia quantam  
 enumerare aetas animantium non queat omnis,  
 visque eadem et natura manet quae semina rerum  
 conicere in loca quaeque queat simili ratione  
 atque huc sunt coniecta, necesse est confiteare  
 esse alios aliis terrarum in partibus orbis  
 et varias hominum gentis et saecula ferarum.

1070

Huc accedit ut in summa res nulla sit una,  
 unica quae signatur et unica solaque crescat,  
 quin aliquo' siet saecli permultaque eodem  
 sint genere. in primis animalibus, include Memmi,  
 invenies sic montivagum genus esse ferarum,  
 sic hominum genitam prolem, sic denique mutas  
 squamigerum pecudes et corpora cuncta volantum.  
 quapropter caelum simili ratione fatendumst  
 terramque et solem lunam mare, cetera quae sunt,

1075

1059. 1061 *colarunt* Nicc. 3 Vat. Mon. Junt. rightly: see notes 2. *colerunt*  
 AB. *cooluerint* Lamb. *coluerunt* Lach. *coierunt* B corr. Flor. 31 Camb. one  
 Vat. *coniecta* of all mss. seems to me quite right: comp. 1108. *convecta* Lach.  
 which appears to be the right reading in the nearly identical passage v 429  
 where the mss. have *conventa*. Lach. objects to *coniecta* 'quasi Lucretius hic  
 aliter quam in quinto dicere potuerit': but there he has also *conveniant*, here  
*colarunt*, there *saepe*, here *semper*; for Lach. vainly alters *saepe* to *semper*: he also  
 says of *coniecta* 'sentientiam non explet nisi addita loci significacione, ut paulo post  
*Conicere in loca quaeque*' cet.: but i 284 *Fragmina coniciens silvarum arbustaque*  
*tota*, we find it used absolutely. 1062 *exordia* Mar. Ald. 1 Junt. for *ex ordine*,  
 as in the 5th book. 1070 *et. ex* Lach. but *et* is clearly right: *ex* makes the  
 construction most awkward: then 1072 *Visque eadem et natura* Mar. Ald. 1 Junt.  
 for *Vis eadem natura*. *Quis eadem natura* Lach. 1073 *quaeque queat simili*  
 Flor. 31 Camb. for *quaeque atsimili*. 1079 *aliquo' siet* Gronov. for *aliquo'uis*  
*siet* B, *alioquo'uis* A: the older editors have gone widely astray. 1080 *include*  
*Memmi* Gronov. for *indice mente*. 1081 *Invenies* Pont. Mar. Ald. 1 Junt. for  
*Invenisse*. 1082 *genitam* Mar. Ald. 1 Junt. for *geminam*. 1089 *quod his*

non esse unica, sed numero magis innumerali;  
quandoquidem vitae deactus terminus alte  
tam manet haec et tam nativo corpore constant,  
quam genus omne quod hic generatimst rebus abundans.

Quae bene cognita si teneas, natura videtur      1090  
libera continuo dominis privata superbis  
ipsa sua per se sponte omnia dis agere expers.  
nam pro sancta deum tranquilla pectora pace  
quae placidum degunt aevom vitamque serenam,  
quis regere immensi summam, quis habere profundi      1095  
indu manu validas potis est moderanter habenas,  
quis pariter caelos omnis convertere et omnis  
ignibus aetheriis terras suffire feracis,  
omnibus inve locis esse omni tempore praesto,  
nubibus ut tenebras faciat caelique serena      1100  
concutiat sonitu, tum fulmina mittat et aedis  
saepe suas disturbet et *in* deserta recedens  
saeviat exercens telum quod saepe nocentes  
praeterit exanimatque indignos inque merentes ?

Multaque post mundi tempus genitale diemque      1105  
primigenum maris et terrae solisque coortum  
addita corpora sunt extrinsecus, addita circum  
semina quae magnum iaculando contulit omne;  
unde mare et terrae possent augescere et unde  
appareret spatium caeli domus altaque tecta      1110  
tolleret a terris procul et consurgeret aer.  
nam sua cuique locis ex omnibus omnia plagis  
corpora distribuuntur et ad sua saecla recedunt.  
umor ad umorem, terreno corpore terra  
crescit et ignem ignes procudunt aetheraque *aether*,      1115  
donique ad extremam crescendi perfica finem

*generatim rebus abundans* mss. est Lach. for his. *hic...abundat* Bern. *hic generatim rebus abundans* Ed.      1094 mss. giving *vltam* for *vitam* have caused Mar. Junt. Wak. etc. to err strangely: simple as it is, Avanc. first saw the truth. *vitam* Pont. before him.      1102 *in* added by Lactant. inst. iii 17, Flor. 31 Ver. Ven. Mar. etc.      1110 *Appareret* Nicc. Camb. for *appariret*. Politian in marg. Flor. 29 says ‘*in vetusto Appareret*’: was this the ms. of Poggio? in 716 to *infra* he has in marg. ‘P *inter*’, with dots added: is P Poggio? AB there have *inte*.      1115 *aether* added by Flor. 31 Camb. Mar. *aëraque aér* Lach.: but see notes 2.

1116 *extremam...finem* Lach. rightly for *extremum...finem*, as this is the only place

omnia perduxit rerum natura creatrix;  
 ut fit ubi nilo iam plus est quod datur intra  
 vitalis venas quam quod fluit adque recedit.  
 omnibus hic aetas debet consistere rebus,  
 hic natura suis refrenat viribus auctum.

1120

nam quaecumque vides hilario grandescere adauctu  
 paulatimque gradus aetatis scandere adultae,  
 plura sibi adsumunt quam de se *corpora* mittunt,  
 dum facile in venas cibus omnis inditur et dum      1125  
 non ita sunt late dispessa ut multa remittant  
 et plus dispendi faciant quam vescitur aetas.  
 nam certe fluere adque recedere corpora rebus  
 multa manus dandum est; sed plura accedere debent,  
 donec alescendi summum tetigere cacumen.      1130

inde minutatim vires et robur adulturn  
 frangit et in partem peiorem liquitur aetas.

quippe etenim quanto est res amplior, augmine adempto,  
 et quo latior est, in cunctas undique partis  
 plura modo dispargit et ab se corpora mittit,      1135  
 nec facile in venas cibus omnis diditur ei  
 nec satis est, proquam largos exaestuat aestus,  
 unde queat tantum suboriri ac subpeditare.

1146 omnia debet enim cibus integrare novando

et fulcire cibus, *cibus* omnia sustentare,  
 nequiquam, quoniam nec venae perpetiuntur  
 quod satis est neque quantum opus est natura ministrat.

1140

1139 iure igitur pereunt, cum rarefacta fluendo

where the mss. make *finis* masc.      *perfica* AB Nonius. *perfice* A corr. Nicc.

1120 *hic* Ed. for *his*, as in 1089. *his rebus* here has no more sense than there.      1122 *hilari...adauctu* AB. *hilari* Avanc. *hilaro* more rightly Lamb.

1124 *corpora* Nicc. B corr. for *cora*.      1126 *dispessa* Ed. for *dispersa*: comp. III 988 *dispessis membris*: *dispersa* has here no sense: a full-grown man is more *dispessus*, but not more *dispersus* than a child: *dispessa* is the same as the *res amplior et latior* of 1133.      1129 *debent* Flor. 31 Camb. for *debet*.      1131 *robur*. *robor* AB, perhaps rightly; but Quintilian says that ‘summi auctores’ write *robur*, *ebur*.      1135 *ab se* Lach. for *a se*, Lucretius as a rule using *ab* before *s*: but I have my doubts here: see Lach. to VI 925: Lucretius may have varied his usage.

1136 *diditur* Mar. Ald. Junt. for *deditur*.      1138 *queat* Mar. Junt. for *queant*.  
 1139—1142 (1146—1149): Goebel *quaest. Lucret. crit.* p. 33 has first seen that these verses are to come after 1138: the thing admits of no question; though it has escaped all the editors and Lach.      1140 *cibus* added by Is. Vossius in ms.

- sunt et cum externis succumbunt omnia plagis,  
quandoquidem grandi cibus aevo denique defit      1145  
nec tuditantia rem cessant extrinsecus ullam  
corpora conficere et plagis infesta domare.  
sic igitur magni quoque circum moenia mundi  
1145 expugnata dabunt labem putrisque ruinas.  
iamque adeo fracta est aetas effetaque tellus      1150  
vix animalia parva creat quae cuncta creavit  
saecula deditque ferarum ingentia corpora partu.  
haud, ut opinor, enim mortalia saecla superne  
aurea de caelo demisit funis in arva  
nec mare nec fluctus plangentis saxa crearunt,      1155  
sed genuit tellus eadem quae nunc alit ex se.  
praeterea nitidas fruges vinetaque laeta  
sponte sua primum mortalibus ipsa creavit,  
ipsa dedit dulcis fetus et pabula laeta;  
quae nunc vix nostro grandescunt aucta labore,  
conterimusque boves et viris agricolarum,      1160  
conficimus ferrum vix arvis suppeditati:  
usque adeo parcunt fetus augentque labore.  
iamque caput quassans grandis suspirat arator  
crebrius, incassum manuum cecidisse labores,      1165  
et cum tempora temporibus praesentia confert  
praeteritis, laudat fortunas saepe parentis  
1170 et crepat, anticum genus ut pietate repletum  
perfacile angustis tolerarit finibus aevom,  
cum minor esset agri multo modus ante viritim.      1170  
1168 tristis item vetulæ vitis sator atque vietae

notes : Faber omits the verse : Voss. inserts 'et fulcire cibus, cibus omnia sustentare'; and adds in marg. 'sic Ms. v.'      1149 *que* added by Nicc.

1150 *fracta* B corr. for *facta*.      *aetas*. Heins. proposes in ms. notes *aetate*.  
*effeta* Nicc. for *effecta*.      1153 *opinor enim mortalia* Mar. Junt. for *opinore immortalia*.      1165 *manuum* Is. Voss. in ms. notes for *magnum*.      1166 Mon. and Junt. read *Et cum temporibus praesentia tempora*, and so Politian in marg. Flor. 29 : it is to be noticed that here too Naugerius, as in 115 and 16, does not follow Junt. but recurs to the true order of the words.      1168—1170 (1170—1172) Theod. Bergk in Jahn's Jahrb. vol. 67 p. 319 has rightly transferred to this place.      1171 mss. have at the end *fatigat*, taken from 1172 by a common blunder, for which Heins. in ms. notes reads *vietae*, comparing III 385 *viētam*: he suggests too *vietae* for *vetulæ*, after Hor. epod. XII 7, and *senectae* for *fatigat*, used

temporis incusat momen caelumque fatigat  
1173 nec tenet omnia paulatim tabescere et ire  
ad capulum spatio aetatis defessa vetusto.

as in iii 772. 1172 *momen* Pius in notes for *nomen. caelum* Wak. for *saeclum*. Pius, having of course *fatigat* in 1171, suggests ingeniously *saeclumque fatiscens*. Nicc. all Flor. Vat. Camb. old eds. omit this verse: I don't know whence Avanc. got it: Pius of course had it from him. 1174 'Ad scopulum. sic oblongus: quadratus *Ad copulum*, sed s littera ab ipso librario addita. de his Havercampus falsa refert: sed idem verissime et praeter morem suum ingeniose scribit *ire Ad capulum*' Lach.: Wak. also says of it, 'quae est Havercampi ingeniosissima ac dignissima pretii quantivis emendatio': but alas it is not Havercamp's, as may be seen from his own crit. note: it is due to Is. Vossius, who says in ms. notes 'ms. ut hie, al. ms. \*copulum' and again '*copulum v. lege capulum i.e. sepulturam*': the two mss. are AB, then in his own library: Nicc. reads *scopulum* with A.

T. LUCRETI CARI  
DE RERUM NATURA  
LIBER TERTIUS

E tenebris tantis tam clarum extollere lumen  
qui primus potuisti inlustrans comoda vitæ,  
te sequor, o Graiae gentis decus, inque tuis nunc  
facta pedum pono pressis vestigia signis,  
non ita certandi cupidus quam propter amorem      5  
quod te imitari aveo; quid enim contendat hirundo  
eyenis, aut quidnam tremulis facere artibus haedi  
consimile in cursu possint et fortis equi vis?  
tu, pater, es rerum inventor, tu patria nobis      10  
suppeditas praecepta, tuisque ex, include, chartis,  
floriferis ut apes in saltibus omnia libant,  
omnia nos itidem depascimur aurea dicta,  
aurea, perpetua semper dignissima vita.  
nam simul ac ratio tua coepit vociferari      15  
naturam rerum, divina mente coorta,  
diffugunt animi terrores, moenia mundi  
discedunt, totum video per inane geri res.  
apparet divum numen sedesque quietae  
quas neque concutunt venti nec nubila nimbis      20  
aspergunt neque nix acri concreta pruina  
cana cadens violat semperque innubilus aether

1 E Mon. Brix. Ver. Ven. for O of A Vien. frag. om. B Nicc. A Flor. 31  
Camb.      11 *libant* Avanc. Nauger. Gif. Lach. for *limant*. ‘an magis *libant*’  
Mar.      15 *coorta* Orelli Lach. for *coortam*.      21 *semperque* Nicc. corr.  
Flor. 31 Camb. Vat. 1136 and 1954 Othob. Pont. Mar. Junt. Lamb. Lach. for  
*semper*. *semper sine nubibus* Ald. 1, because Ver., and Ven. on which Ald. 1 is

integit, et large diffuso lumine rident.  
 omnia suppeditat porro natura neque ulla  
 res animi pacem delibat tempore in ullo.  
 at contra nusquam apparent Acherusia templa      25  
 nec tellus obstat quin omnia dispiciantur,  
 sub pedibus quaecumque infra per inane geruntur.  
 his ibi me rebus quaedam divina voluptas  
 percipit adque horror, quod sic natura tua vi  
 tam manifesta patens ex omni parte reiecta est.      30

Et quoniam docui, cunctarum exordia rerum  
 qualia sint et quam variis distantia formis  
 sponte sua volent aeterno percita motu  
 quo modo possint res ex his quaeque creari,  
 hasce secundum res animi natura videtur      35  
 atque animae claranda meis iam versibus esse  
 et metus ille foras praeeeps Acheruntis agendum,  
 funditus humanam qui vitam turbat ab imo  
 omnia suffundens mortis nigrore neque ullam  
 esse voluptatem liquidam puramque relinquit.      40  
 nam quod saepe homines morbos magis esse timendos  
 infamemque ferunt vitam quam Tartara leti  
 et se scire animae naturam sanguinis esse  
 46 aut etiam venti, si fert ita forte voluntas,  
 44 nec prosum quicquam nostrae rationis egere,      45  
 hinc licet advertas animum magis omnia laudis  
 47 iactari causa quam quod res ipsa probetur.  
 extorres idem patria longeque fugati  
 conspectu ex hominum, foedati crimine turpi,  
 omnibus aerumnis affecti denique vivunt,      50  
 et quocumque tamen miseri venere parentant  
 et nigras mactant pecudes et manibu' divis  
 inferias mittunt multoque in rebus acerbis  
 acrius advertunt animos ad religionem.  
 quo magis in dubiis hominem spectare periclis  
 convenit adversisque in rebus noscere qui sit;  
 nam verae voces tum demum pectore ab imo      55

founded, have in nubibus with 3 Vat.      22 rident Lach. for ridet.      28 ibi  
 Pont. Gronov. Wak. for ubi. tibi Mar. Junt.      29 sic natura Avanc. for  
 signatura.      33 aeterno Bentl. for alterno.      44 (16) first placed here by

eiciuntur *et eripitur* persona, manet res.  
 denique avarities et honorum caeca cupid  
 quae miseros homines cogunt transcendere fines  
 iuris et interdum socios scelerum atque ministros  
 noctes atque dies niti praestante labore  
 ad summas emergere opes, haec vulnera vitae  
 non minimam partem mortis formidine aluntur. 60  
 turpis enim ferme contemptus et acris egestas  
 semota ab dulci vita stabilique videntur  
 et quasi iam leti portas cunctarier ante;  
 unde homines dum se falso terrore coacti  
 effugisse volunt longe longeque remosse,  
 sanguine civili rem conflant dixitiasque  
 conduplicant avidi, caedem caede accumulantes; 70  
 crudeles gaudent in tristi funere fratribus  
 et consanguineum mensas odere timentque.  
 consimili ratione ab eodem saepe timore  
 macerat invidia. ante oculos illum esse potentem,  
 illum aspectari, claro qui incedit honore,  
 ipsi se in tenebris volvi caenoque queruntur.  
 intereunt partim statuarum et nominis ergo.  
 et saepe usque adeo, mortis formidine, vitae  
 percipit humanos odium lucisque videndae, 80

Bentl. 58 *eiciuntur* Lamb. ed. 2 and 3, Gif. Lach. for *eliciuntur*: the two words being perpetually confounded, though *eliciuntur* is perhaps defensible here. Lach. is wrong however in saying that Lamb. 'tandem veritati concedens' adopted *eiciuntur* from Gif. without acknowledgment: in his first ed. he keeps *eliciuntur* in the text, but has the same note as in ed. 3: 'existimant quidam legendum *eiiciuntur...* et ita amicus meus putat legendum in oratione pro M. Caelio, nonne ipsam domum metuet, nequam vocem *eiiciat?* ubi vulgo legitur *eliciat:* cui propemodum nunc assentior, quamvis olim dissenserim' cet. Lamb. angry though he was, was too true a scholar to treat Gif. as Gif. treated him. Nor does what he here says of his friend Muretus call for the petty malignity with which the latter in his var. lect. II 17 speaks of him after his death. manet res Flor. 31 Camb. Pont. Mar. for *manare.* 65 *ferme. famae* Mar. Ald. 1 Junt. from *formae* of Brix. Ver. Ven. *fama et Lamb.* 66 *videntur* Lamb. for *videtur*, as *semota* is neut. plur. according to the usage of Lucr.: but it is with much doubt and hesitation and in deference only to two such scholars as Lamb. and Lach. that I refuse to allow to Lucr. the liberty which the purest writers seem to have claimed, of making the partic. and verb refer only to the last of two or more nominatives. 72 *fratribus* Macrob. sat. vi 2 15, Junt. not Mar. for *fratres.* 78 *statuarum* Flor. 31 Camb. corr. Vat. 1954 Othob. Mar. Junt. for

ut sibi consiscant maerenti pectore letum  
obliti fontem curarum hunc esse timorem,

hunc vexare pudorem, hunc vincula amicitiae  
rumpere et in summa pietatem everttere suadet ;  
nam iam saepe homines patriam carosque parentis      85  
prodiderunt, vitare Acherusia templa petentes.  
nam veluti pueri trepidant atque omnia caecis  
in tenebris metuunt, sic nos in luce timemus  
interdum, nilo quae sunt metuenda magis quam  
quae pueri in tenebris pavitant finguntque futura.      90  
hunc igitur terrorem animi tenebrasque necescessit  
non radii solis neque lucida tela diei  
discutiant, sed naturae species ratioque.

Primum animum dico, mentem quam saepe vocamus,  
in quo consilium vitae regimenque locatum est,      95  
esse hominis partem nilo minus ac manus et pes  
atque oculi partes animantis totius extant.

sensum animi certa non esse in parte locatum,  
verum habitum quandam vitalem corporis esse,  
harmoniam Grai quam dicunt, quod faciat nos      100  
vivere cum sensu, nulla cum in parte siet mens ;  
ut bona saepe valetudo cum dicitur esse  
corporis, et non est tamen haec pars ulla valentis.  
sic animi sensum non certa parte reponunt ;

*statum.*      81 *consiscant* Nicc. for *coniciscant*.      82 I assume a v. to be lost here, such as *Qui miseris homines cogens scelus omne patrare* : see notes 2.

84 *suadet*. fundo Lamb. *fraude* Lach. *clade* Bern.      94 *quam* Charisius p. 187 (210) for *quem*: so Mon. Junt. Lamb. Lach. ‘hoc ipsum dedit, ante quam Charisii liber innotuisset, Marullus; quod miror, cum ille tam subtiliter iudicare non soleat’ says Lach.: but Marullus found it in his ms. out of which Candidus also got it.      95 *locatum* Mar. Ald. 1 Junt. for *vocatum*.      988 before this verse one or more have been lost: Ald. 1 thus supplies it, *Quamvis multa quidem sapientum turba putaret*: Mar. Junt. and eds. in general before Lach. give the same, but for *putaret* more correctly *putarunt*: Gif. has *putarit*, and this note, ‘Ita v. q. 1. [vetus quidam liber]. in al. *putaret*. al. *putarūt*.’ It is not improbable the v. q. 1. is the Ven. with Marullus’ ms. notes: it is very possible too that *putaret* in Ald. 1 is a misprint for *putarit*: see what I say above p. 10 on the heavy charge brought against Avancius by Lach. here. [As Marullus therefore in cod. Victor. writes *putarunt*, *putarit* was probably an earlier suggestion: see n. to n 529 : other instances will be noticed below.]      100 *faciat*

magno opere in quo mi diversi errare videntur. 105  
 saepe itaque, in promptu corpus quod cernitur, aegret,  
 cum tamen ex alia laetamur parte latenti;  
 et retro fit uti contra sit saepe vicissim,  
 cum miser ex animo laetatur corpore toto;  
 non alio pacto quam si, pes cum dolet aegri, 110  
 in nullo caput interea sit forte dolore.  
 praeterea molli cum somno dedita membra  
 effusumque iacet sine sensu corpus honustum,  
 est aliud tamen in nobis quod tempore in illo  
 multimodis agitatur et omnis accipit in se 115  
 laetitiae motus et curas cordis inanis.  
 nunc animam quoque ut in membris cognoscere possis  
 esse neque harmonia corpus sentire solere,  
 principio fit uti detracto corpore multo  
 saepe tamen nobis in membris vita moretur; 120  
 atque eadem rursum, cum corpora pauca caloris  
 diffugere forasque per os est editus aer,  
 deserit extemplo venas atque ossa relinquit;  
 noscere ut hinc possis non aequas omnia partis  
 corpora habere neque ex aequo fulcire salutem, 125  
 sed magis haec, venti quae sunt calidique vaporis  
 semina, curare in membris ut vita moretur.  
 est igitur calor ac ventus vitalis in ipso  
 corpore qui nobis moribundos deserit artus.  
 quapropter quoniam est animi natura reperta 130  
 atque animae quasi pars hominis, redde harmonia  
 nomen, ad organicos alto delatum Heliconi;  
 sive aliunde ipsi porro traxere et in illam  
 transtulerunt, proprio quae tum res nomine egebat.

Nicc. B corr. for *taciāt*. 106 *aegret* Lach. from 'grammaticus Vindobonensis  
 Eichenfeldii' who quotes the verse on account of the word *aegret*. *aegrūm*  
 mss. *aegrit* Lamb. ed. 3. 108 *fit uti* Lamb. for *fit ubi*. 'Itali *fit uti*' says  
 Lach. What Itali? not Nicc. nor Flor. 31 Camb. Ver. Ven. Pont. Mar. Ald. 1  
 Pius Junt. Ald. 2: all of which I have now before me except Nicc. and Flor. 31,  
 and of these two I have a collation of my own. 118 *corpus sentire* Lach.  
 from a conj. of Wak. for *corpus interire*. *harmoniam corpus retinere* Mar. Ald. 1  
 Junt. 132 is first rightly given by Is. Voss. in ms. notes, by simply  
 reading *alto* for *altu* of AB. A corr. Nicc. and all late mss. read *ab organico* and  
*salto* or *saltu* or *sacro*: hence endless confusion. *ab organico saltu...Heliconis* in

quidquid *id* est, habeant: tu cetera percipe dicta.

135

Nunc animum atque animam dico coniuncta teneri  
inter se atque unam naturam conficere ex se,  
sed caput esse quasi et dominari in corpore toto  
consilium quod nos animum mentemque vocamus.  
idque situm media regione in pectoris haeret.

140

hic exultat enim pavor ac metus, haec loca circum  
laetitiae mulcent; hic ergo mens animusquest.  
cetera pars animae per totum dissita corpus  
paret et ad numen mentis momenque movetur.

idque sibi solum per se sapit, *id* sibi gaudet,

145

cum neque res animam neque corpus commovet una.

et quasi, cum caput aut oculus temptante dolore  
laeditur in nobis, non omni concruciamur

corpore, sic animus nonnumquam laeditur ipse

laetitiaque viget, cum cetera pars animai

150

per membra atque artus nulla novitate cietur.

verum ubi vementi magis est commota metu mens,

consentire animam totam per membra videmus

sudoresque ita palloremque existere toto

corpore et infringi linguam vocemque aboriri,

155

caligare oculos, sonere auris, succidere artus,

denique concidere ex animi terrore videmus

saepe homines; facile ut quivis hinc noscere possit

esse animam cum animo coniunctam, quae cum animi *vi*

percussast, exim corpus propellit et icit.

160

Haec eadem ratio naturam animi atque animai

corpoream docet esse; ubi enim propellere membra,

corripere ex somno corpus mutareque vultum

atque hominem totum regere ac versare videtur,

quorum nil fieri sine tactu posse videmus

165

nec tactum porro sine corpore, nonne fatendumst

corporea natura animum constare animamque?

praeterea pariter fungi cum corpore et una

consentire animum nobis in corpore cernis.

the old vulgate.

135 *id* added by Flor. 31 Camb.

Wak. for *sapit sibi*. *sapit et sibi* Nicc. vulg.

Mar. etc. for *itaque pallorem*. *itaque et pallorem* Lamb. etc.

Ven. Mar. first for *animi*: Lach. is wrong: Flor. 31 reads *animai*. Ver. om. vi

145 *sapit, id sibi*

154 *ita palloremque* Nicc.

159 *animi vi*

si minus offendit vitam vis horrida teli  
ossibus ac nervis disclusis intus adacta,  
at tamen insequitur languor terraeque petitus  
segnis, et in terra mentis qui gignitur aestus,  
interdumque quasi exurgendi incerta voluntas.  
ergo corpoream naturam animi esse necesset,  
corporeis quoniam telis ictuque laborat.

170

Is tibi nunc animus quali sit corpore et unde  
constiterit pergam rationem reddere dictis.  
principio esse aio persuptilem atque minutis  
perquam corporibus factum constare. id ita esse  
hinc licet advertas animum ut pernoscere possis:  
nil adeo fieri celeri ratione videtur,  
quam sibi mens fieri proponit et inchoat ipsa;  
ocius ergo animus quam res se perciet ulla,  
ante oculos quorum in promptu natura videtur.  
at quod mobile tanto operest, constare rutundis  
perquam seminibus debet perquamque minutis,  
momine uti parvo possint impulsa moveri.

180

namque movetur aqua et tantillo momine flutat  
quippe volubilibus parvisque creata figuris,  
at contra mellis constantior est natura

185

et pigri latices magis et cunctantior actus;  
haeret enim inter se magis omnis materiai  
copia, nimirum quia non tam levibus extat  
corporibus neque tam suptilibus atque rutundis.  
namque papaveris aura potest suspensa levisque  
cogere ut ab summo tibi diffluat altus acervus;  
at contra lapidum conlectum ipse euru' movere

190

195

with AB Nicc. *animi vis* Nonius Brix.

170 offendit B corr. for offendis.

teli Mar. Junt. most truly for leti. 172 terraeque petitus Segnis Ed. for  
t. p. *Suavis*, because I can think of nothing better: *suavis* manifestly has no  
sense. *Suppus* Lach.: but why *suppus* rather than *pronus*? a man is generally  
wounded in front and then, as Lucr. says iv 1049, he falls forwards not back-  
wards. *Saevus* et Bern. after a friend of Wak. Mr John Jones: but the copula  
*et* is never found in Lucr. out of its place, and a single example must not be  
introduced by conjecture. 183 *sibi* Wak. for *si*: v 1142 B has *si* for *sibi*.

198 *spicarumque* mss. Bern. has seen that in the letters MQUE the verb  
*Movere* lurks: in 236 mss. *multamqueri* for *multa moveri*: he reads *cauru' movere*.  
*spiritus acer* Lach.: but the sentence requires a verb. *spiclorum* and the like of

noēnu potest. igitur parvissima corpora proquam  
et levissima sunt, ita mobilitate fruuntur;

200

at contra quaecumque magis cum pondere magno  
asperaque inveniuntur, eo stabilita magis sunt.

nunc igitur quoniam *est* animi natura reperta  
mobilis egregie, perquam constare necessest  
corporibus parvis et levibus atque rutundis.  
quae tibi cognita res in multis, o bone, rebus  
utilis invenietur et opportuna cluebit.

205

haec quoque res etiam naturam dedicat eius,  
quam tenui constet textura quamque loco se  
contineat parvo, si possit conglomerari,  
quod simul atque hominem leti secura quies est  
indepta atque animi natura animaeque recessit,  
nil ibi libatum de toto corpore cernas

210

ad speciem, nil ad pondus: mors omnia praestat  
vitalem praeter sensum calidumque vaporem.

215

ergo animam totam perparvis esse necessest  
seminibus, nexam per venas viscera nervos;  
quatenus, omnis ubi e toto iam corpore cessit,  
extima membrorum circumcaesura tamen se  
incolumem praestat nec defit ponderis hilum.

220

quod genus est Bacchi cum flos evanuit aut cum  
spiritus unguenti suavis diffugit in auras  
aut aliquo cum iam sucus de corpore cessit;  
nil oculis tamen esse minor res ipsa videtur  
propterea neque detractum de pondere quicquam,  
nimirum quia multa minutaque semina sucos  
efficiunt et odorem in toto corpore rerum.

225

quare etiam atque etiam mentis naturam animaeque  
scire licet perquam pauxillis esse creatam  
seminibus, quoniam fugiens nil ponderis aufert.

230

Nec tamen haec simplex nobis natura putanda est.  
tensis enim quaedam moribundos deserit aura

older editors are absurd. *conlectum* Muretus for *coniectum* which Lamb. approves  
of in his notes and Lach. rightly adopts. 203 *est* added after *quoniam* by  
Pont. Mar. Ald. 1 Junt. It is added at the end of the verse by Flor. 31  
Camb. 210 *si* for *se* Nicc. Mon. Ver. Ven. not Flor. 31 or Camb. 224 *Nil*  
*oculis.* 'leg. *nilo*' Heins. in ms. notes. 227 *rerum. rei* Lach., I now think

mixta vapore, vapor porro trahit aera secum.  
 nec calor est quisquam, cui non sit mixtus et aer;  
 rara quod eius constat natura, necessest  
 aeris inter eum primordia multa moveri. 235  
 iam triplex animi est igitur natura reperta;  
 nec tamen haec sat sunt ad sensum cuncta creandum,  
 nil horum quoniam recepit res posse creare  
 sensiferos motus *et homo* quae mente volutat. 240  
 quarta quoque his igitur quaedam natura necessest  
 adtribuatur; east omnino nominis expers;  
 qua neque mobilius quicquam neque tenuius exstat,  
 nec magis e parvis et levibus est elementis;  
 sensiferos motus quae didit prima per artus. 245  
 prima cietur enim, parvis perfecta figuris;  
 inde calor motus et venti caeca potestas  
 accipit, inde aer; inde omnia mobilitantur,  
 concutitur sanguis, tum viscera persentiscunt  
 omnia, postremis datur ossibus atque medullis 250  
 sive voluptas est sive est contrarius ardor.  
 nec temere hic dolor usque potest penetrare neque acre  
 permanare malum, quin omnia perturbentur

without reason. 232 *Tenuis* A corr. for *Tenus*. 234 *cui non sit mixtus et aer.* *cui mixtus non siet aer* Lach. who will not tolerate *et* for *etiam*.

236 *multa moveri* A corr. Nicc. and all before Lamb. for *multamqueri*: comp. 198. *multa cieri* Lamb. wrongly after Turnebus. 239 240 a most doubtful passage: 239 *res* Ed. after Bern. for *mens*, 240 it seems to me certain that *quaedam* has come here from the *quaedam* of 241, and as what the poet wrote must be uncertain, I have written *et homo quae* for *quaedam que*. Lach. 239 reads *quem* for *mens*, 240 *quaedam vis menti*, just retaining the word he ought not and making a most awkward construction. Bern. strangely reads in 240 *quidam quod manticulatur*. Is. Voss. in ms. notes 'legendum videtur qui dant quae mente volutes'. 239 I retain *recēpit* with AB: comp. n. to II 1025 *Accedere*: Virgil's and other old mss. retain many traces of this *e*, intermediate between the *a* of the simple verb and the later *i*. 244 *e parvis et levibus est elementis* Wak. in notes for *e p. et l. ex elem.* and justly: comp. VI 330: in his text he follows Camb. *est p. et l. ex el.* which may be right. *et p. et l. ex e.* Lach. *e parvis aut l. ex el.* Junt. Lamb. not Pont. or Mar. 249 is first rightly given by Pont. and Avanc. in notes at the end of his Catullus: AB have *Concutitur tum sanguis viscera persentisint*: Flor. 31 Camb. 3 Vat. give *persentisint*: this unrhythymical order of the first words appears in the Junt. and in the text even of Lamb. ed. 1; in ed. 2 and 3 and notes of 1 he reads *Tum quatitur sanguis, tum*: Nicc. misled by *persentisint* strangely gave *Concutitur tum sanguis per sentes viscera iunt*; and hence Ver. and Ven. *vint* for *iunt*; out of which Avanc. in Ald. 1 ingeniously devised

usque adeo *ut* vitae desit locus atque animai  
diffugiant partes per caulas corporis omnis.  
sed plerumque fit in summo quasi corpore finis  
motibus: hanc ob rem vitam retinere valemus.

255

Nunc ea quo pacto inter sese mixta quibusque  
compta modis vigeant rationem reddere aventurem  
abstrahit invitum patrii sermonis egestas;  
sed tamen, ut potero, summatim, attingere, tangam.  
inter enim cursant primordia principiorum  
motibus inter se, nil ut secernier unum  
possit nec spatio fieri divisa potestas,  
sed quasi multae vis unius corporis extant.

265

quod genus in quovis animantium viscere volgo  
est odor et quidam color et sapor, et tamen ex his  
omnibus est unum perfectum corporis augmen.  
sic calor atque aer et venti caeca potestas  
mixta creant unam naturam et mobilis illa  
vis, initum motus ab se quae dividit ollis,

270

sensifer unde oritur primum per viscera motus.  
nam penitus prorsum latet haec natura subestque  
nec magis hac infra quicquam est in corpore nostro  
atque anima est animae proporro totius ipsa.

275

quod genus in nostris membris et corpore toto  
mixta latens animi vis est animaeque potestas,  
corporibus quia de parvis paucisque creatast.  
sic tibi nominis haec expers vis facta minutis  
corporibus latet atque animae quasi totius ipsa

280

proporrost anima et dominatur corpore toto.  
consimili ratione necesset ventus et aer  
et calor inter se vigeant commixta per artus  
adque aliis aliud subsit magis emineatque

*Concutitur sanguis per venas, viscera vivunt Omnia*, but he afterwards learnt  
better. 254 *ut* added by Lamb.

257 *retinere valemus* A corr. Nicc. all before Lach. most properly for *retinemus*  
*valemus*: he reads absurdly *retinemus' valentes*, as if we could not be in life without  
being in health: the origin of the corruption is obvious. 266 *viscere* B. *visere*  
A and clearly ms. of Poggio, as Nicc. and all late mss. and early editions so read,  
even Junt. but not Avanc.: 'aliu viscere' Mar.: yet to Wak. *viscere* is 'sordidum et  
ineptum'! 267 *color* Lamb. conj. rightly for *calor*. *calor vulgo* Lach.

284 *aliis*. alias Brieger. 288 *etenim* Faber in emend. and Lach. for *etiam*:

- ut quiddam fieri videatur ab omnibus unum, 285  
 ni calor ac ventus seorsum seorsumque potestas  
 aeris intercenant sensum diductaque solvant.  
 est etenim calor ille animo, quem sumit, in ira  
 cum fervescit et ex oculis micat acribus ardor ;  
 est et frigida multa comes formidinis aura 290  
 quae ciet horrorem membris et concitat artus ;  
 est etiam quoque pacati status aeris ille,  
 pectore tranquillo fit qui voltuque sereno.  
 sed calidi plus est illis quibus acria corda  
 iracundaque mens facile effervescit in ira. 295  
 quo genere in primis vis est violenta leonum,  
 pectora qui fremitu rumpunt plerumque gementes  
 nec capere irarum fluctus in pectore possunt.  
 at ventosa magis cervorum frigida mens est  
 et gelidas citius per viscera concitat auras 300  
 quae tremulum faciunt membris existere motum.  
 at natura boum placido magis aere vivit,  
 nec nimis irai fax umquam subdita percit  
 fumida, suffundens caecae caliginis umbra,  
 nec gelidis torpet telis perfixa pavoris : 305  
 inter utrosque sitast, cervos saevosque leones.  
 sic hominum genus est. quamvis doctrina politos  
 constituat pariter quosdam, tamen illa relinquit  
 naturae cuiusque animi vestigia prima.  
 nec radicitus evelli mala posse putandumst,  
 quin proclivius hic iras decurrat ad acriis, 310  
 ille metu citius paulo temptetur, at ille  
 tertius accipiat quaedam clementius aequo.  
 inque aliis rebus multis differre necesset

a necessary change. Lach. rightly follows Bentl. in joining *in ira* with *Cum*  
*fervescit*. 289 *acribus* Lamb. ed. 2 and 3 for *acrius*. 290 *et. ea* Lach.  
 intolerant of *et* for *etiam*. 293 *fit qui.* *qui fit* Mar. Ald. 1 Junt. vulgo Lach.:  
 but see notes 2. 298 is placed by Lach. before 296 without cause. 303  
*nimis* Flor. 31 Camb. Vat. 1954 Othob. Mar. for *minus*. 304 *Fumida suffundens*  
 Flor. 31 Camb. corr. for *Fumidas effundens*. *umbra* B. *umbram* A Nicc. Camb.  
 which may be right: comp. Plaut. rud. 588 *Quasi vinis Graecis Neptunus nobis*  
*suffudit mare*. 305 *pavoris* Mar. Ald. 1 Junt. for *vaporis*. 306 *Inter utros-*  
*que sitast* Avanc. (*sita est* Mar. Junt.) for *Inter utrasque sitas*. *sitas* of mss. must  
 be *sitast*: the scribe has then adapted *utrasque* to *sitas*. *Interutraque secut* Lach.  
*Interutraque secut* Bern. 309 *Naturae* Mar. Junt. for *Natura*. 317 *quot. quod*

naturas hominum varias moresque sequacis ;  
 quorum ego nunc nequeo caecas exponere causas  
 nec reperire figurarum tot nomina quot sunt  
 principiis, unde haec oritur variantia rerum.  
 illud in his rebus videor firmare potesse,  
 usque adeo naturarum vestigia linqui  
 parvola quae nequeat ratio depellere nobis,  
 ut nil impedit dignam dis degere vitam.

315

Haec igitur natura tenetur corpore ab omni  
 ipsaque corporis est custos et causa salutis ;  
 nam communibus inter se radicibus haerent  
 nec sine pernicie divelli posse videntur.  
 quod genus e thuris glaebris evellere odorem  
 haud facile est quin intereat natura quoque eius.  
 sic animi atque animae naturam corpore toto  
 extrahere haut facile est quin omnia dissoluantur.  
 inplexis ita principiis ab origine prima  
 inter se fiunt consorti praedita vita,

325

nec sibi quaeque sine alterius vi posse videtur  
 corporis atque animi seorsum sentire potestas,  
 sed communibus inter eas conflatur utrumque  
 motibus accensus nobis per viscera sensus.  
 praeterea corpus per se nec gignitur umquam  
 nec crescit neque post mortem durare videtur.  
 non enim, ut umor aquae dimittit saepe vaporem  
 qui datus est, neque ea causa convellitur ipse,  
 sed manet incolumis, non, inquam, sic animai  
 discidium possunt artus perferre relictii,  
 sed penitus pereunt convulsi conque putrescant.  
 ex ineunte aevo sic corporis atque animai  
 mutua vitalis discunt contagia motus  
 maternis etiam membris alvoque reposta,  
 discidium *ut* nequeat fieri sine peste maloque ;

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AB, which Luer. may have written : so *quod vis AB* in 1090 : Augustus in his *res gestae* writes *aliquid* ; as does B in vi 317 : *capud A or B repeatedly*. 319 *videor* Faber for *video*. *firmare* Ver. Ven. for *formare*. 321 *nobis* Lach. for *noctis*. *dictis* Mar. Ald. 1 Junt. Lamb. ed. 1 and 2. *doctis* Lamb. ed. 3. 332 *fiunt consorti...vita* Mar. Junt. for *consorti fiunt...vitae*. 333 though sound, is much corrupted by Mar. Junt. Lamb. vulg. 335 *eas* Lach. for *eos* ; as *eos* is contrary to the usage of Luer. 346 *reposta* Avanc. for *reposto*. *reposti* Mar. Junt. without sense not

ut videoas, quoniam coniunctast causa salutis,  
coniunctam quoque naturam consistere eorum.

Quod superest, si quis corpus sentire refutat  
atque animam credit permixtam corpore toto  
suscipere hunc motum quem sensum nominamus,  
vel manifestas res contra verasque repugnat.  
quid sit enim corpus sentire quis adferet umquam,  
si non ipsa palam quod res dedit ac docuit nos ?  
at dimissa anima corpus caret undique sensu ;  
perdit enim quod non proprium fuit eius in aevo ;  
multaque praeterea perdit quam expellitur *ante*.

Dicere porro oculos nullam rem cernere posse,  
sed per eos animum ut foribus spectare reclusis,  
difficilest, contra cum sensus dicat eorum ;  
sensus enim trahit atque acies detrudit ad ipsas ;  
fulgida praesertim cum cernere saepe nequimus,  
lumina luminibus quia nobis praepediuntur.  
quod foribus non fit; neque enim, quia cernimus ipsi, 365  
ostia suscipiunt ullum reclusa labore.  
praeterea si pro foribus sunt lumina nostra,  
iam magis exemptis oculis debere videtur  
cernere res animus sublati postibus ipsis.

Illud in his rebus nequaquam sumere possis,  
Democriti quod sancta viri sententia ponit,  
corporis atque animi primordia singula privis  
adposita alternis variare, ac nectere membra.  
nam cum multo sunt animae elementa minora  
quam quibus e corpus nobis et viscera constant,  
tum numero quoque concedunt et rara per artus  
dissita sunt dumtaxat; ut hoc promittere possis,

*repostis.*      347 *ut added by Mar. Junt.*      350 *refutat.*      *renutat Lamb.*  
 358 *perdit quam expellitur ante* Ed. for *perditum expellitur aevo quam*: the v. is  
 rejected by Creech in notes, and Bern. *Multaque. Nullaque Lach.* which seems  
 scarcely to be Latin. Lamb. condemns 357 which Creech well defends.      361  
*Difficilest.* *Desiperest* Lamb. ed. 2 and 3, Gif. Lach.: but see notes 2.      *dicat*  
 Lamb. for *ducat*.      362 Lamb. rejects. Lach. puts it after 363.      365 *quia*  
 Lach. for *qua*.      372 *privis* Bentl. for *primis*: 389 *priva* is in the mss.      374  
*animae elementa minora* AB Nice.: this I have retained. *animai el. min.* Flor. 31  
 Camb. Mar. Ald. 1 Junt. vulgo; but the elision is not tolerable. *elementa minora*  
*animai* Lach.      375 *e* AB Lamb. ed. 3 Creech Lach. rightly. *et A corr. B corr.*

quantula prima queant nobis innecta ciere  
 corpora sensiferos motus in corpore, tanta  
 intervalla tenere exordia prima animai. 380

nam neque pulveris interdum sentimus adhaesum  
 corpore nec membris incussam sidere cretam,  
 nec nebulam noctu neque aranei tenvia fila  
 obvia sentimus, quando obretimur euntes,  
 nec supera caput eiusdem cecidisse vietam 385  
 vestem nec plumas avium papposque volantis  
 qui nimia levitate cadunt plerumque gravatim,  
 nec repentis itum cuiusviscumque animantis  
 sentimus nec priva pedum vestigia quaeque,  
 corpore quae in nostro culices et cetera ponunt. 390  
 usque adeo prius est in nobis multa ciendum,  
 quam primordia sentiscant concussa animai  
 semina corporibus nostris inmixta per artus,  
 et quam in his intervallis tuditantia possint  
 concursare coire et dissultare vicissim. 395

Et magis est animus vitae claustra coercens  
 et dominantior ad vitam quam vis animai.  
 nam sine mente animoque nequit residere per artus  
 temporis exiguum partem pars ulla animai,  
 sed comes insequitur facile et discedit in auras 400  
 et gelidos artus in leti frigore linquit.  
 at manet in vita cui mens animusque remansit.  
 quamvis est circum caesis lacer undique membris  
 truncus, adempta anima circum membrisque remota  
 vivit et aetherias vitalis suscipit auras. 405  
 si non omnimodis, at magna parte animai  
 privatus, tamen in vita cunctatur et haeret;

Nicc. Flor. 31 Camb. all Vat. all eds. bef. Lamb. 3, Gif. Wak. 378 and 380  
*prima.* priva Bentl. Lach. Ed. in ed. 1: but see notes 2. 383 *aranei* Mar.  
 Ald. 1 Junt. for *arani*: see Lach. 391 *ciendum* Avanc. for *ciendo*. 392  
 and 393 wrongly transposed by Mar. and in all editions including Lach. Bern. and  
 Ed. formerly. 394 *Et quam in his intervallis* Lach. acutely for *Et quantis int.* *Et*  
*quam intervallis tantis* Mar. Ald. 1 Junt. vulg. *Et tantis intervallis* Wak. 400  
*et discedit* Vat. 3276 Mar. Ald. 1 Junt. for *ediscedit*. 403 *circum* Flor. 31 Camb.  
 corr. Mar. for *cretum*. 404 *remota* B corr. Lach. for *remot* B, *remotus* A,  
*remotis* vulg. 405 *aetherias.* *aerias* Lach.: without any just cause he alters  
 this and many passages of Virgil and others on the assumption that *aetheriae*

ut, lacerato oculo circum si pupula mansit  
 incolumis, stat cernundi vivata potestas,  
 dummodo ne totum corrumpas luminis orbem      410  
 et circum caedas aciem solamque relinquas ;  
 id quoque enim sine pernicie non fiet et orbei.  
 at si tantula pars oculi media illa peresa est,  
 occidit extemplo lumen tenebraeque secuntur,  
 incolumis quamvis aliquoi sit splendidus orbis.      415  
 hoc anima atque animus vincti sunt foedere semper.

Nunc age, nativos animantibus et mortalis  
 esse animos animasque levis ut noscere possis,  
 conquisita diu dulcique reperta labore  
 digna tua pergam disponere carmina cura.      420  
 tu fac utrumque uno sub iungas nomine eorum,  
 atque animam verbi causa cum dicere pergam,  
 mortalem esse docens, animum quoque dicere credas,  
 quatenus est unum inter se coniunctaque res est.  
 principio quoniam tenuem constare minutis      425  
 corporibus docui multoque minoribus esse  
 principiis factam quam liquidus umor aquai  
 aut nebula aut fumus :—nam longe mobilitate  
 praestat et a tenui causa magis icta movetur ;  
 quippe ubi imaginibus fumi nebulaeque movetur :      430  
 quod genus in somnis sopiti ubi cernimus alte  
 exhalare vaporem altaria ferreque fumum ;

cannot be joined with *aurae*.      411 *Et. Sed* Mon. Junt. Lamb. etc. wrongly.  
 412 and 415 are necessary to complete the comparison between the ball and pupil  
 of the eye and the *anima* and *animus* : Lach. ejects them.      412 *et orbei* Ed. for  
*eorum* : see notes 2 : Lamb. ruins the sense by reading *confiet* for *non fiet*.      415  
*aliogui* is corrupt: I transpose a single letter and write *aliquoi*, adding *sit* which  
 could easily fall out before *splendidus*.      420 *Digna tua...cura* Lach. for *Digna*  
*tua...vita*. *Perpetua...vita* Bern. with reference I presume to 13 *perpetua semper*  
*dignissima vita*: but surely *digna* or *dignissima* would be required: and see notes 2.  
*Digna tuo...vate* Creech: but *vates* to Lucr. had only a bad meaning.      421 *sub*  
*iungas nomine* Ed. for *subiungas nome* (*nomine* B corr.): this the context requires:  
 see notes 2. *subiungas nomen vulgo. uni subiungas nomen* Lach.      428 I retain  
 the ms. reading. Lach. writes *iam* for *nam*: but he thereby inverts the argument:  
 comp. 203 sqq. Lucr. says ‘the soul is seen to be marvellously nimble: therefore  
 it is formed of very minute seeds’: Lachmann’s error is most manifest.      430  
 and 433 are ejected by Lach.: wrongly in my opinion.      430 *movetur* Mar. Junt.  
 for *moventur*.      431 *Quod genus in somnis.* Here again Lach. reads *est* for *in*:  
 comp. II 194. *alte Ex. vaporem* Lach. rightly for *alta Ex. vapore*.      432 *Exha-*

nam procul hinc dubio nobis simulacra genuntur:—

nunc igitur quoniam quassatis undique vasis

diffluere umorem et laticem discedere cernis

435

et nebula ac fumus quoniam discedit in auras,

crede animam quoque diffundi multoque perire

ocius et citius dissolvi *in corpora prima*,

cum semel ex hominis membris ablata recessit.

quippe etenim corpus, quod vas quasi constitutus eius,

440

cum cohibere nequit conquassatum ex aliqua re

ac rarefactum detracto sanguine venis,

aere qui credas posse hanc cohiberier ullo?

corpore qui nostro rarus magis *is cohibessit*?

Praeterea gigni pariter cum corpore et una

445

crescere sentimus pariterque senescere mentem.

nam velut infirmo pueri teneroque vagantur

corpore, sic animi sequitur sententia tenuis.

inde ubi robustis adolevit viribus aetas,

consilium quoque maius et auctior est animi vis.

450

post ubi iam validis quassatum est viribus aevi

corpus et obtusis ceciderunt viribus artus,

claudicat ingenium, delirat lingua, *labat* mens,

omnia deficiunt atque uno tempore desunt.

ergo dissolui quoque convenit omnem animai

455

naturam, ceu fumus, in altas aeris auras;

quandoquidem gigni pariter pariterque videmus

crescere et, *ut docui*, simul aevo fessa fatisci.

*lare: exalare*, v 463 *Exalantque*, vi 478 *alitus* AB, followed by Lach. who does not however omit the aspirate, where only A or B omit it, as ii 417 v 253 vi 811 and iv 864 vi 221. ‘*exala*: this form is better attested by ancient mss. than the common *exhalare*’ Halm, Cic. phil. ii 30 ed. Mayor. This seems doubtful even in Cicero: his colleagues, Baiter Tusc. i 43 ii 22 and Jordan Verr. iii 28 retain *h*: of the capital mss. of Virgil only M seems ever to omit it. 433 *hinc Bentl. for haec.*

*genuntur* Lamb. for *geruntur*. 438 *Ocius* Nicc. B corr. for *Opius*. in added by B corr. 441 *Cum*. *Quam* Mar. Junt. Wak. Lach. 444 *is cohibessit*

Lach. for *incohibescit*. *am cohibessit* Lamb. Gif. *incohibessit* Wak. *usque liquescit* Bern. *in quo habitet sit* Ed. in small ed.: *in quo* might be looked on as one word and the elision thus defended; but see Luc. Mueller de re metr. p. 284 and notes 2 to i 1091. 450 *auctior* B corr. Nicc. corr. (?), Flor. 31 Camb. for *auctor*. 453

*lingua, labat mens* Lach. for *lingua mens*. *lingua madet mens* B corr. from 479.

*linguaque mensque* Nicc. vulg. 456 *aeris* old eds. for *acris*. 458 *ut* added by B corr. *fatisci* Nicc. Flor. 31 Camb. Vat. Mon. Bentl. for *faetis*. *fatiscit* B

- Huc accedit uti videamus, corpus ut ipsum  
suscipere inmanis morbos durumque dolorem,  
sic animum curas acris luctumque metumque ;  
quare participem leti quoque convenit esse.  
quin etiam morbis in corporis avius errat  
saepe animus ; dementit enim deliraque fatur  
interdumque gravi lethargo fertur in altum  
aeternumque soporem oculis nutuque cadenti,  
unde neque exaudit voces nec noscere voltus  
illorum potis est, ad vitam qui revocantes  
circumstant lacrimis rorantes ora genasque.  
quare animum quoque dissolui fateare necesset,  
quandoquidem penetrant in eum contagia morbi ;  
nam dolor ac morbus leti fabricator uterquest,  
multorum exitio perdocti quod sumus ante.  
denique quor, hominem cum vini vis penetravit  
acris et in venas discessit diditus ardor,  
consequitur gravitas membrorum, praepediuntur  
crura vacillanti, tardescit lingua, madet mens,  
nant oculi, clamor singultus iurgia gliscunt,  
et iam cetera de genere hoc quaecumque secuntur,  
cur ea sunt, nisi quod vemens violentia vini  
conturbare animam consuevit corpore in ipso ?  
at quaecumque queunt conturbari inque pediri,  
significant, paulo si durior insinuarit  
causa, fore ut pereant aevo privata futuro.  
quin etiam subito vi morbi saepe coactus  
ante oculos aliquis nostros, ut fulminis ictu,  
concidit et spumas agit, ingemit et tremit artus,  
desipit, extentat nervos, torquetur, anhelat  
inconstanter, et in iactando membra fatigat.  
nimirum quia vis morbi distracta per artus

corr. Junt. Lamb. not Mar. 472 *dolor* Nicc. for *polor.* 474 475 *Et quoniam  
mentem sanari corpus ut aegrum Et pariter mentem sanari corpus inani*: an absurd  
interpolation: 474=510; for 475 Mar. Ald. 1 Junt. substitute 511. Lamb. first  
expelled both. 476 *quor.* *cōr* AB, which is the same thing: so II 194, IV 575  
*com=quom or cum:* IV 116 *eorum* AB, *corum* Lach. i.e. *quorum.* *cōr hominum* Nicc.  
Flor. 31 Camb. 5 Vat. old eds. before Mar. and Junt.: which Wak. absurdly  
keeps. 482 *Cur ea sunt* Nicc. for *curba sunt.* 492 *quia* Nicc. Flor. 31 Mar.

turbat, agens animam spumat, quasi in aequore salso  
ventorum validis fervescunt viribus undae.

exprimitur porro gemitus, quia membra dolore

495

adficiuntur et omnino quod semina vocis

eiciuntur et ore foras glomerata feruntur

qua quasi consuerunt et sunt munita viae.

desipientia fit, quia vis animi atque animai

conturbatur et, ut docui, divisa seorsum

500

disiectatur eodem illo distracta veneno.

inde ubi iam morbi reflexit causa redditus

in latebras acer corrupti corporis umor,

tum quasi vaccillans primum consurgit et omnis

505

paulatim reddit in sensus animamque receptat.

haec igitur tantis ubi morbis corpore in ipso

iactentur miserisque modis distracta laborent,

cur eadem credis sine corpore in aere aperto

cum validis ventis aetatem degere posse?

et quoniam mentem sanari, corpus ut aegrum,

510

cernimus et fleti medicina posse videmus,

id quoque praesagit mortalem vivere mentem.

addere enim partis aut ordine traiecere aecumst

aut aliquid prorsum de summa detrahere hilum,

515

commutare animum quicumque adoritur et infit

aut aliam quamvis naturam flectere quaerit,

at neque transferri sibi partis nec tribui vult

inmortale quod est quicquam neque defluere hilum.

nam quodcumque suis mutatum finibus exit,

continuo hoc mors est illius quod fuit ante.

520

ergo animus sive aegrescit, mortalia signa

mittit, uti docui, seu flectitur a medicina.

usque adeo falsae rationi vera videtur

res occurrere et effugium praeccludere eunti

ancipitique refutatu convincere falsum.

525

Denique saepe hominem paulatim cernimus ire

old eds. for *qua*. 493 *spumat*, *quasi in* Lach. for *spumans in*, most acutely: former correctors and editors, even Lamb., had quite mistaken the meaning, and joined *agens animam* with *vis morbi*: their various readings are not worth mentioning: Wak. is unusually perverse. 497 *Eiciuntur* Lamb. for *Eliciuntur*: see 58 and iv 945. 523 *rationi* Mar. Ald. 1 Junt. for *rationis*. 525 *refutatu* Mar.

et membratim vitalem deperdere sensum;  
in pedibus primum digitos livescere et unguis,  
inde pedes et crura mori, post inde per artus  
ire alios tractim gelidi vestigia leti.

530

scinditur itque animae hoc quoniam natura nec uno  
tempore sincera existit, mortalis habendast.  
quod si forte putas ipsam se posse per artus  
introsum trahere et partis conducere in unum  
atque ideo cunctis sensum deducere membris,  
at locus ille tamen, quo copia tanta animai  
cogitur, in sensu debet maiore videri;  
qui quoniam nusquamst, nimirum ut diximus *ante*,  
dilaniata foras dispargitur, interit ergo.

535

quin etiam si iam libeat concedere falsum  
et dare posse animam glomerari in corpore eorum,  
lumina qui lincunt moribundi particulatim,  
mortalem tamen esse animam fateare necesse,  
nec refert utrum pereat dispersa per auras  
an contracta suis e partibus obbrutescat,  
quando hominem totum magis ac magis undique sensus  
deficit et vitae minus et minus undique restat.

540

Et quoniam mens est hominis pars una, loco quae  
fixa manet certo, velut aures atque oculi sunt  
atque alii sensus qui vitam cumque gubernant,  
et veluti manus atque oculus naresve seorsum  
secreta ab nobis nequeunt sentire neque esse,  
sed tamen in parvo licuntur tempore tabe,

545

Junt. for refutatur.      531 *Scinditur itque animae hoc Ed. for Scinditur atque animo haec: comp. 526. Sc. usque adeo haec Lach. Sc. aequa animae haec Bern. Sc. atqui animo haec Mar. Junt. Sc. atqui animae Lamb. vulg.*      535 *deducere Camb. Ver. Ven. Mar. for diducere.*      538 *ante added by Nice.*      548 *loco quea Lach. first for locoque.*      551 *atque. aut Lach.: but comp. v 965 glandes atque arbita vel pira lecta.*      553 *Sed tamen in parvo linguntur tempore tali mss. 'quidam doctus' says Lamb. who condemns the verse 'liquuntur.' 'linguntur. mss. puto legend.: secta etenim parvo vincuntur tempore tabi, nisi malis liquuntur...tabi pro tabe, ut parti contagi pro parte contagie vet. passim' Is. Voss. in ms. notes. Sed tamen is of course quite right; I have written therefore with Creech in notes *Sed tamen in parvo licuntur tempore tabe* (Aen. iii 28 P has *linguntur* for *licuntur* and Lucre. iv 1243 Ver. Ven. have *lignitur* for *liquitur*). *linquuntur Flor. 31 vulg. in parvo lincuntur tempore tabi Lach. 'ita Vergil. Alitibus linquere feris, et Ovid. leto poenaque relictus': but the moment the body is dead, linquitur**

sic animus per se non quit sine corpore et ipso  
esse homine, illius quasi quod vas esse videtur  
sive aliud quid vis potius coniunctius ei  
fingere, quandoquidem conexu corpus adhaeret.

555

Denique corporis atque animi vivata potestas  
inter se coniuncta valent vitaque fruuntur;  
ne<sup>e</sup> sine corpore enim vitalis edere motus  
sola potest animi per se natura nec autem  
cassum anima corpus durare et sensibus uti.  
scilicet avolsus radicibus ut nequit ullam  
dispicere ipse oculus rem seorsum corpore toto,  
sic anima atque animus per se nil posse videtur. 560  
nimirum quia per venas et viscera mixtim,  
per nervos atque ossa, tenentur corpore ab omni  
nec magnis intervallis primordia possunt  
libera dissultare, ideo conclusa moventur  
sensiferos motus quos extra corpus in auras  
aeris haut possunt post mortem eiecta moveri  
propterea quia non simili ratione tenentur.  
corpus enim atque animans erit aer, si cohibere  
sese anima atque in eo poterit concludere motus  
quos ante in nervis et in ipso corpore agebat.

565

592 quin etiam finis dum vitae vertitur intra,  
saepe aliqua tamen e causa labefacta videtur  
ire anima ac toto solui de corpore *velle*  
595 et quasi supremo languescere tempore voltus  
molliaque exsangui *trunco* cadere omnia membra.

575

580

*tabi*, whether the *tubes* comes at once or years after; so that *tamen in parvo tempore*  
would have no meaning. 555 *homine* old eds. for *hominem*. *vas esse* Nicc. for  
*vasse*. 557 558 Lach. has no stop after *adhaeret*, and a comma after *Denique*:  
558 begins a new paragraph; and I find from his proof-sheets that he altered the  
usual punctuation only in his final revise. 564 *ipse oculus* Flor. 31 Mar. (not  
Nicc. Camb. Brix. Ver. or Ven.) for *oculus ipse*. 566 *per* added by Nicc.  
*mixtim* Nicc. (not Flor. 31) Camb. Mon. Brix. Ver. Ven. for *mixti*. 571 *moveri*  
Lamb. for *moveare*, ‘*inscitissime*’ says Wak.: see notes 2 to vi 595. 573 *ani-*  
*mans erit* Lamb. for *animam serit*. 574 *eo* Faber for *eos*: a certain correction  
rightly admitted by Bentl. and Creech. Lach. strange to say has neglected it and  
received instead Wakefield’s conjecture *In se animam* for *Sese anima*. 576—590  
(592—606) Christ quaest. Lucr. p. 19 has acutely seen that these vss. are out of  
place: he puts them after 579 (594): I put them after 575: see notes 2. 578  
*de corpore velle* Lach. acutely for *de corpore omnia membra* which has come from

- quod genus est, animo male factum cum perhibetur  
aut animam liquisse; ubi iam trepidatur et omnes  
extremum cupiunt vitae reprahendere vinclum.
- 600 conquassatur enim tum mens animaeque potestas  
omnis et haec ipso cum corpore conlabefiunt; 585  
ut gravior paulo possit dissolvere causa.  
quid dubitas tandem quin extra prodita corpus  
inbecilla foras in aperto, tegmine dempto,  
605 non modo non omnem possit durare per aevom,  
sed minimum quodvis nequeat consistere tempus? 590
- 576 quare etiam atque etiam resoluto corporis omni  
tegmine et eiectis extra vitalibus auris  
dissolui sensus animi fateare necessest  
atque animam, quoniam coniunctast causa duobus.
- 580 Denique cum corpus nequeat perferre animai  
discidium quin in taetro tabescat odore,  
quid dubitas quin ex imo penitusque coorta  
emanarit uti fumus diffusa animae vis,  
atque ideo tanta mutatum putre ruina
- 585 conciderit corpus, penitus quia mota loco sunt 600  
fundamenta, foras anima emanante per artus  
perque viarum omnis flexus, in corpore qui sunt,  
atque foramina? multimodis ut noscere possis  
dispertitam animae naturam exisse per artus
- 590 et prius esse sibi distractam corpore in ipso, 605  
quam prolapsa foras enaret in aeris auras.  
nec sibi enim quisquam moriens sentire videtur  
ire foras animam incolunem de corpore toto  
nec prius ad iugulum et supera succedere fauces,  
verum deficere in certa regione locatam;  
ut sensus alios in parti quemque sua scit  
dissolui. quod si inmortalis nostra foret mens,  
non tam se moriens dissolvi conquereretur,  
sed magis ire foras vestemque relinquere, ut anguis.

580: Nicc. Mon. Brix. Ver. Ven. omit 579 and 580. 580 *trunco* added by Lach.  
*cadere omnia corpore membra* Flor. 31 Camb. Mar. vulg. 581 *perhibetur* B corr.  
*for peribet* B, *periberet* A Nicc. 591 *Quare* Nicc. B corr. for *Quae*. 597 *ex*  
*Flor. 31 Camb. for ea.* 598 *animae vis* Flor. 31 Camb. Ver. Ven. Mar. etc. for  
*anima eius.* 601 *foras anima emanante* Wak. for *foras manant animaeque.*  
*foras manante anima usque* Lach. After 614 Mar. Ald. 1 Junt. vulg. add

Denique cur animi numquam mens consiliumque  
gignitur in capite aut pedibus manibusve, sed unis  
sedibus et certis regionibus omnibus haeret,  
si non certa loca ad nascendum reddit a cuique  
sunt, et ubi quicquid possit durare creatum,

615

\*  
atque ita multimodis partitis artibus esse,  
membrorum ut numquam existat praeposterus ordo?  
usque adeo sequitur res rem neque flamma creari  
fluminibus solitast neque in igni gigner algor.

620

Praeterea si immortalis natura anima ist  
et sentire potest secreta a corpore nostro, 625  
quinque, ut opinor, eam faciundum est sensibus auctam;  
nec ratione alia nosmet proponere nobis  
possimus infernas animas Acherunte vagari.  
pictores itaque et scriptorum saecula priora  
sic animas intro duxerunt sensibus auctas. 630  
at neque sorsum oculi neque nares nec manus ipsa  
esse potest animae neque sorsum lingua, neque aures  
auditu per se possunt sentire neque esse.

Et quoniam toto sentimus corpore inesse  
vitalem sensum et totum esse animale videmus, 635  
si subito medium celeri praeciderit ictu  
vis aliqua ut sorsum partem secernat utramque,  
dispertita procul dubio quoque vis animai  
et discissa simul cum corpore dissicietur.  
at quod scinditur et partis discedit in ellas, 640  
scilicet aeternam sibi naturam abnuit esse.  
falciferos memorant currus abscidere membra  
saepe ita de subito permixta caede calentis,  
ut tremere in terra videatur ab artibus id quod  
decidit abscisum, cum mens tamen atque hominis vis 645  
mobilitate mali non quit sentire dolorem;  
et semel in pugnae studio quod dedita mens est,

*Gauderet, praelonga senex aut cornua cervus.* 617 *regionibus omnibus haeret.*  
*regionib' pectoris h.* Lach. *hominis reg.* haeret Ed. formerly. After 619  
 some vss. are lost. 620 *partitis Bern.* for *pro totis.* *perfectis Lach.* 623 *solita*  
*neque insigni AB.* *in igni Nicc.* *solita est Flor.* 31 Camb. Pont. Mar. 624 *si*  
*immortalis Nicc.* for *si mortal.* 628 *vagari* Lach. for *vacare.* *vagare* B corr.  
 Lamb. vulg. perhaps rightly. 632 *animae* Pius conj. for *anima.* 633  
*Auditu* Ed. for *Auditum.* *Haud igitur* Lach. who here begins a new sentence.

corpore reliquo pugnam caedesque petessit,  
 nec tenet amissam laevam cum tegmine saepe  
 inter equos abstraxe rotas falcesque rapaces, 650  
 nec cecidisse alius dextram, cum scandit et instat.  
 inde alius conatur adempto surgere crure,  
 cum digitos agitat propter moribundus humi pes.  
 et caput abscisum calido viventeque truncō  
 servat humi voltum vitalem oculosque patentis,  
 donec reliquias animai reddidit omnes. 655  
 quin etiam tibi si, lingua vibrante, micanti  
 serpentis cauda e procero corpore, utrumque  
 sit libitum in multas partis discidere ferro,  
 omnia iam sorsum cernes ancisa recenti  
 volnere tortari et terram conspargere tabo,  
 ipsam seque retro partem petere ore priorem,  
 volneris ardenti ut morsu premat icta dolorem.  
 omnibus esse igitur totas dicemus in illis  
 particulis animas? at ea ratione sequetur 660  
 unam animantem animas habuisse in corpore multas.  
 ergo divisast ea quae fuit una simul cum  
 corpore; quapropter mortale utrumque putandumst,  
 in multas quoniam partis disciditur aequē.  
 Praeterea si immortalis natura animai 665  
 constat et in corpus nascentibus insinuatūr,  
 cur super anteactam aetatem meminisse nequimus  
 nec vestigia gestarum rerum ulla tenemus?  
 nam si tanto operest animi mutata potestas,  
 omnis ut actarum exciderit retinentia rerum,  
 non, ut opinor, id a letō iam longiter errat;  
 quapropter fateare necessest quae fuit ante 670  
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647 *semel* Lach. for *simul*. 648 *rotas* Nicc. for *rote*. 649 *650* *651* *micanti*  
 and *cauda e* Ed. with Lach. for *minanti* and *caude*. 652 *a v.* is lost here  
 such as *Et caudam et molem totius corporis omnem*: see vi 499: Lach. reads  
*serpentem* for *serpentis*, *utrumque* after Mar. Junt. for *utrumque*; and after all his  
 construction is very forced. *l. v. minantis Serpentis caudam procero corpore,*  
*utrinque* Lamb. 662 *seque retro* Nicc. for *sequere retro*. 663 *dolorem*  
 Lach. for *dolore*. 664 *tanto operest animi* Mar. for *tanto opere animist*, 680  
*solitast animi* Mar. Ald. 1 for *solita animist*: see 623, II 275 and Lach.  
 there. 666 *a letō* Lach., *longiter* Lamb. Lach. from Charisius and Nonius,

interisse et quae nunc est nunc esse creatam.

Praeterea si iam perfecto corpore nobis  
inferri solitast animi vivata potestas 680

tum cum gignimur et vitae cum limen inimus,  
haud ita conveniebat uti cum corpore et una  
cum membris videatur in ipso sanguine cresse,  
sed velut in cavea per se sibi vivere solam.

CONVENIT UT SENSU CORPUS TAMEN AFFLUAT OMNE 685

690 quod fieri totum contra manifesta docet res;  
namque ita conexa est per venas viscera nervos  
ossaque, uti dentes quoque sensu participantur;  
morbus ut indicat et gelidai stringor aquai  
et lapis oppressus, subiit si e frugibus, asper.

686 quare etiam atque etiam neque originis esse putandumst  
expertis animas nec leti lege solutas.

nam neque tanto opere adnecti potuisse putandumst

689 corporibus nostris extrinsecus insinuatas,  
nec, tam contextae cum sint, exire videntur 695  
incolumes posse et salvas exsolvore sese  
omnibus e nervis atque ossibus articulisque.  
quod si forte putas extrinsecus insinuatam  
permanare animam nobis per membra solere,  
tanto quique magis cum corpore fusa peribit.

700 quod permanat enim dissolvitur, interit ergo.  
dispertitus enim per caulas corporis omnis  
ut cibus, in membra atque artus cum diditur omnis,  
disperit atque aliam naturam sufficit ex se,  
sic anima atque animus quamvis integra recens in 705  
corpus eunt, tamen in manando dissoluuntur,  
dum quasi per caulas omnis diduntur in artus  
particulae quibus haec animi natura creatur,  
quae nunc in nostro dominatur corpore nata

for *ab l. longius.* 685 Lamb. has most properly rejected: it is clearly a sarcastic gloss. Lach. retains it and for *affluat* reads *arceat*: an unlikely conjecture.

686—690 (690—694): Lach. was the first to transpose these vss.; and strange it is he should have been the first. 689 *Morbus. Morsus* Lach. Bern. Ed. formerly. 690 *oppressus, subiit si e frugibus* Bern. for *oppressus subitis e frugibus. expressus, subiens e fr.* Lach. 702 *Dispertitus enim* Lach. for *dispertitur ergo. Dispertitur enim* Pont. Brix. Ald. 1 Lamb.

705 *quamvis integra recens in* Mar. Ald. 1 Junt. for *quamvis est integra re-*

ex illa quae tum periit partita per artus.  
quapropter neque natali privata videtur  
esse die natura animae nec funeris expers.

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Semina praeterea linquontur necne animai  
corpore in exanimo? quod si lincuntur et insunt,  
haut erit ut merito immortalis possit haberi,  
partibus amissis quoniam libata recessit. 715  
sin ita sinceris membris ablata profugit  
ut nullas partis in corpore liquerit ex se,  
unde cadavera rancenti iam viscere vermes  
expirant atque unde animantium copia tanta  
exos et exanguis tumidos perfluctuat artus?  
quod si forte animas extrinsecus insinuari  
vermibus et privas in corpora posse venire  
credis nec reputas cur milia multa animarum  
conveniant unde una recesserit, hoc tamen est ut 720  
quaerendum videatur et in discriben agendum,  
utrum tandem animae venentur semina quaeque  
vermiculorum ipsaeque sibi fabricentur ubi sint,  
an quasi corporibus perfectis insinuentur.  
at neque cur faciant ipsae quareve laborent 725  
dicere suppeditat. neque enim, sine corpore cum sunt,  
sollicitae volitant morbis alguque fameque;  
corpus enim magis his vitiis adfine laborat  
et mala multa animus contagie fungitur eius.  
sed tamen his esto quamvis facere utile corpus, 730  
cum subeant; at qua possint via nulla videtur.  
haut igitur faciunt animae sibi corpora et artus.  
nec tamen est utqui perfectis insinuentur  
corporibus; neque enim poterunt suptiliter esse

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*l. ns.* 710 *tum* Brix. Ver. Ven. rightly for *tunc*. *periit*. *peritat* Nicc. and  
later mss. and eds. before Pont. Junt. 718 *Ut* Ver. Ven. for *Et*. 723 *privas*  
*in* B corr. for *priva si*. 732 *alguque* Lamb. and mss. of Nonius for  
*algoque*. 733 *adfine* A p. m. (?) *atfine* B. *et fine* A corr. Nicc.: Gif. first  
restored *adfine* to text: the note in ed. 3 of Lamb. is amusing. Wak. returns to  
*et fine*. 734 *contage*. *contagibus* Lach. 736 *Cum subeant*. *Quod sube-*  
*ant* a friend of Faber's, both Faber and Bentl. approving. *Cui s.* Bern. *qua*  
*Mar. Ald. 1 Junt. for que.* 738 *utqui* Ed. for *ut quicum*: see notes 2 to 1 755:  
*cum* was written over *qui* by some one who did not understand *qui*: *quidum*  
Bern. and Ed. in ed. 1. Lach. adopts from Lamb. *ut iam*, which he allows 'a

conexae neque consensus contagia fient.

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Denique cur acris violentia triste leonum  
seminium sequitur, volpes dolus, et fuga cervos,  
A PATRIBUS DATUR ET A PATRIUS PAVOR INCITAT ARTUS  
et iam cetera de genere hoc cur omnia membris  
ex ineunte aevo generascunt ingenioque, 745  
si non, certa suo quia semine seminioque  
vis animi pariter crescit cum corpore toto?  
quod si immortalis foret et mutare soleret  
corpora, permixtis animantes moribus essent,  
effugeret canis Hyrcano de semine saepe 750  
cornigeri incursum cervi tremeretque per auras  
aeris accipiter fugiens veniente columba,  
desiperent homines, saperent fera saecula ferarum.  
illud enim falsa fertur ratione, quod aiunt  
immortalem animam mutato corpore flecti. 755  
quod mutatur enim dissolvitur, interit ergo;  
traiciuntur enim partes atque ordine migrant;  
quare dissolui quoque debent posse per artus,  
denique ut intereant una cum corpore cunctae.  
sin animas hominum dicent in corpora semper 760  
ire humana, tamen quaeram cur e sapienti  
stulta queat fieri, nec prudens sit puer ullus  
nec tam doctus equae pullus quam fortis equi vis.  
scilicet in tenero tenerascere corpore mentem  
confugient. quod si iam fit, fateare necessest 765  
mortalem esse animam, quoniam mutata per artus  
tanto opere amittit vitam sensumque priorem.  
quove modo poterit pariter cum corpore quoque  
confirmata cupitum aetatis tangere florem 770

litteris nimium recedere'. 740 *consensus* Lach. for *consensu*. 743 rightly  
rejected by Lach. and before him by a 'doctus quidam' ap. Lamb. as a manifest  
sarcastic gloss, which interrupts sense and construction: Ven. Ald. 1, not Pont.  
Mar. or Junt., read *cervis* for *cervos*. Lamb. *dolu' vulpibus* also. 747 *toto* B,  
*quoque* A and all other mss. and old eds. 'toto praetuli, quia non possum ullam  
artem agnoscere in simili hoc trium versiculorum exitu, *ingenioque, seminioque,*  
*corpore quoque.* non potest autem dubitari quin utraque scriptura fuerit in ar-  
chetypo' Lach. Lamb. also has *toto*: *quoque* seems a gloss from 769. 760 *sin*  
Pont. Mar. Ald. 1 Junt. for *sic. corpora* B corr. etc. for *corpore*. 763=746:  
of course a gloss, with no connexion with the text. Bern. includes 764 in the  
gloss, in my opinion not rightly. 764 *pullus* Nicc. for *paulus*. 784 *in*

vis animi, nisi erit consors in origine prima?  
 quidve foras sibi vult membris exire senectis?  
 an metuit conclusa manere in corpore putri  
 et domus aetatis spatio ne fessa vetusto  
 obruat? at non sunt immortali ulla pericla.

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Denique conubia ad Veneris partusque ferarum  
 esse animas praesto deridiculum esse videtur,  
 expectare immortalis mortalia membra  
 in numero certareque praeproperanter  
 inter se quae prima potissimaque insinuetur;  
 si non forte ita sunt animarum foedera pacta  
 ut quae prima volans advenerit insinuetur  
 prima neque inter se contendant viribus hilum.

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Denique in aethere non arbor, non aequore in alto  
 nubes esse queunt nec pisces vivere in arvis  
 nec crux in lignis neque saxis sucus inesse.  
 certum ac dispositumst ubi quicquid crescat et insit.  
 sic animi natura nequit sine corpore oriri  
 sola neque a nervis et sanguine longiter esse.  
 quod si (posset enim multo prius) ipsa animi vis  
 in capite aut umeris aut imis calcibus esse  
 posset et innasci quavis in parte, soleret  
 tandem in eodem homine atque in eodem vase manere.  
 quod quoniam nostro quoque constat corpore certum  
 dispositumque videtur ubi esse et crescere possit  
 sorsum anima atque animus, tanto magis infitiandum  
 totum posse extra corpus durare genique.  
 quare, corpus ubi interiit, periisse necessest  
 confiteare animam distractam in corpore toto.  
 quippe etenim mortale aeterno iungere et una  
 consentire putare et fungi mutua posse  
 desiperest; quid enim diversius esse putandumst

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*alto. salso* Lach. because *salso* is found in the repetition of this passage v 128: but as Lucre. so often varies in such points, I cannot bring myself to depart from the mss. 789 *longiter* Lamb. Lach. *longius* all mss. here and v 133: comp. 676. 790—793 are repeated v 134—137 without the mss. differing in a single letter. I flatter myself I have made the passage clear by a correct punctuation without the change of a word: 790 *posset enim multo prius* I enclose in brackets, and begin the apodosis at *soleret*. Lach. here and in v reads *Quid si posset enim?* *multo.* Mar. Ald. 1 Junt. vulg. give *Hoc si posset enim, multo.* 800 *mortale*

- aut magis inter se disiunctum discrepitansque,  
 quam mortale quod est immortali atque perenni  
 iunctum in concilio saevas tolerare procellas ? 805  
 quod si forte ideo magis immortalis habendast,  
 quod letalibus ab rebus munita tenetur,  
 aut quia non veniunt omnino aliena salutis  
 aut quia quae veniunt aliqua ratione recedunt  
 pulsa prius quam quid noceant sentire queamus,
- praeter enim quam quod morbis cum corporis aegret,  
 advenit id quod eam de rebus saepe futuris 825  
 macerat inque metu male habet curisque fatigat  
 praeteritisque male admissis peccata remordent.  
 adde furorem animi proprium atque oblia rerum,

*Junt. for mortalem.* 805 *saevas* Mar. *Junt. for salvas.* 806—818= v 351—363 word for word: they here interrupt the argument, and are of course one of the many glosses with which some reader has wished either to explain or refute the poet by quoting his own verses for or against him, as the case may be. But as that which follows in the fifth book applies only to the heaven, not to the mind of which Lucre. is here speaking, he did not continue his quotation; but Ald. 1 and *Junt.* after Marullus followed by all editors before Lach. add v 364—373, rudely altered to suit the present subject. ‘at Michahel Marullus’ says Lach. justly indignant ‘illo [lectore] audacior nihil veritus est ceteris transferendis immanes ineptias inferre; quos versus cum omnes libris veteribus sine exceptione omnibus abesse aut scirent aut certe deberent scire, plerique sine admonitione suscepserunt, Wakefieldus, cui Forbiger adsensus est, “poetae” (id est Marulli) miratur “consideratam severitatem diligique, per tam dilucidam ratiocinationem simpliciter mentem suam exponentis”. mihi Marulli male sedula simplicitas non nimis exagitanda esse videtur: subiciam tamen eius versiculos, ut appareat quae Lambinoris et Wakefieldis (ceteros nunc omitto) Lucretio dignissima visa fuerint. *At neque, uti docui, solido cum corpore mentis Natura est, quoniam admistum est in rebus inane, Nec tamen est ut inane, neque autem corpora desunt Ex infinito, quae possint forte coorta Corruere hanc mentis violento turbine molem, Aut aliam quamvis cladem importare pericli, Nec porro natura loci spaciunque profundi Deficit, expargi quo possit vis animai Aut alia quavis possit vi pulsa perire, Haud igitur leti paeclusa est ianua menti.* 820 *letalibus* Lamb. for *vitalibus.* After 823 a verse is lost, which Lach. thus supplies, *Multa tamen tangunt animam mala, multa pericla.* Mar. Ald. 1 and *Junt.* insert after 820 the following, *Scilicet a vera longe ratione remotumst;* which Lamb. retained, but placed after 823.

824 *morbist* cum corporis aegrit AB. *morbis* Avanc. first: no ‘Italus’ before him. *aegret* Gif. in notes rightly for *aegrit*. Nicc., deceived by *morbist* and thinking *cum* a conjunction, wrote *cum corpus aegrotat*, which led to endless confusion in later mss. and eds.: even Lamb. was misled, and Creech and others before Lach. neglected Gifanius’ hint. 826 *macerat* Flor. 31 Pont. Mar. Ald. 1 *Junt.* for *maceret:* yet Wak. retains the solecism.

adde quod in nigras lethargi mergitur undas.

Nil igitur mors est ad nos neque pertinet hilum, 830  
 quandoquidem natura animi mortalis habetur,  
 et velut anteacto nil tempore sensimus aegri,  
 ad configendum venientibus undique Poenis,  
 omnia cum belli trepido concussa tumultu  
 horrida contremuere sub altis aetheris oris, 835  
 in dubioque fuere utrorum ad regna cadendum  
 omnibus humanis esset terraque marique,  
 sic, ubi non erimus, cum corporis atque animai  
 discidium fuerit quibus e sumus uniter apti,  
 scilicet haud nobis quicquam, qui non erimus tum, 840  
 accidere omnino poterit sensumque movere,  
 non si terra mari miscebitur et mare caelo.  
 et si iam nostro sentit de corpore postquam  
 distractast animi natura animaeque potestas,  
 nil tamen est ad nos qui comptu coniugioque 845  
 corporis atque animae consistimus uniter apti.  
 nec, si materiem nostram collegerit aetas  
 post obitum rursumque redegerit ut sita nunc est  
 atque iterum nobis fuerint data lumina vitae,  
 pertineat quicquam tamen ad nos id quoque factum, 850  
 interrupta semel cum sit repetentia nostri.  
 et nunc nil ad nos de nobis attinet, ante  
 qui fuimus, *neque* iam de illis nos adficit angor.  
 nam cum respicias immensi temporis omne  
 praeteritum spatium, tum motus materiai 855  
 multimodis quam sint, facile hoc adcredere possis,  
 semina saepe in eodem, ut nunc sunt, ordine posta  
 haec eadem, quibus e nunc nos sumus, ante fuisse.  
 865 nec memori tamen id quimus reprahendere mente;  
 inter enim iectast vitai pauca vagueque 860

829 *nigras*. ‘*f. pigras*’ Heins. in ms. notes: Markland proposed the same, but without cause. 835 *aetheris oris* Gif. for *aetheris auris*; and so Lucre. always writes elsewhere. 844 *Distractast* Nicc. for *Distractas*. 847 *materiem* B, *materiam* A Nicc. 851 *repetentia* B rightly. *repentia* A Nicc. Flor. 31 Camb. *retinentia* Avanc. Lach. *nostri* Pius in notes, Gif. Lach. for *nostris*. *nobis* Pont. Avanc. *nostra* Mar. Junt. vulg. 853 *neque* added by Lach. *nec* Mar. Ald. 1 Junt. vulg. *adficit* Flor. 31 Mon. Pont. for *adfigit*. 856 *multimodis* Lach. with Wakefield’s Δ for *multimodi*. 858 (865) transferred here

deerrarunt passim motus ab sensibus omnes.  
 debet enim, misere si forte aegreque futurumst,  
 ipse quoque esse in eo tum tempore, cui male possit  
 accidere. id quoniam mors eximit, esseque probet  
 864 illum cui possint incommoda conciliari, 865  
 scire licet nobis nil esse in morte timendum  
 nec miserum fieri qui non est posse neque hilum  
 differre anne ullo fuerit iam tempore natus,  
 mortalem vitam mors cum immortalis ademit.

Proinde ubi se videas hominem indignarier ipsum, 870  
 post mortem fore ut aut putescat corpore posto  
 aut flammis interfiat malisve ferarum,  
 scire licet non sincerum sonere atque subesse  
 caecum aliquem cordi stimulum, quamvis neget ipse  
 credere se quemquam sibi sensum in morte futurum. 875  
 non, ut opinor, enim dat quod promittit et unde,  
 nec radicitus e vita se tollit et eicit,  
 sed facit esse sui quiddam super inscius ipse.  
 vivus enim sibi cum proponit quisque futurum,  
 corpus uti volucres lacerent in morte feraeque, 880  
 ipse sui miseret; neque enim se dividit illim,  
 nec removet satis a projecto corpore et illum  
 se fingit sensuque suo contaminat astans.  
 hinc indignatur se mortalem esse creatum  
 nec videt in vera nullum fore morte alium se 885  
 qui possit vivus sibi se lugere peremptum  
 stansque iacentem se lacerari urive dolere.

by Lach. who is naturally surprised that it was left for him to do. 862 *misere*  
*si* Pont. Turnebus and Is. Voss. in ms. notes, before Lach., for *miserest*.  
 864 *mors* B corr. Flor. 31 for *mox*. 868 *probet* Lach. *prohibet* Turnebus for  
*prohibe*. 868 *Differre anne ullo* Ed. for *Differre annullo anullo* A, *anullo*  
*anullo* B. *a nullo* Nicc. *isne ullo* Ed. in small ed. *Differre ante ullo* Lach.;  
 but *differre fuerit* seems not to be Latin. *Differre an nullo* of Pont. Mar. Ald. 1  
 Junt. Lamb. etc. has no sense. 871 *putescat* Avanc. Wak. Lach. for *putes*.  
*putrescat* Flor. 31 Pont. Mar. Junt. Lamb. vulg. Cic. de fin. v 38 *ne putisceret*  
 Nonius, *putresceret* mss.: *de nat. deor.* II 160 *ne putesceret* mss. speaking of the  
 same thing. 873 *non sincerum* Flor. 31 Camb. Pont. Mar. for *no sincerum*  
 A. Nicc., *nos sinc.* B. 880 *lacerent* Nicc. for *iacerent*. 881 *dividit illim*  
 A. *vidit illum* B. *dividit illum* Nicc. *dividit hilum* Flor. 31 Camb. Mar. *vindicat*  
*hilum* Lamb. 886 *Qui* Flor. 31 Mon. Pont. Ald. 1 Junt. for *Cui*.  
 887 *se* added by Flor. 31 Camb. Avanc. *dolere* Mon. p. m. Lamb. for *dolore*.

nam si in morte malumst malis morsuque ferarum  
 tractari, non invenio qui non sit acerbum  
 ignibus impositum calidis torrescere flammis  
 aut in melle situm suffocari atque rigere  
 frigore, cum summo gelidi cubat aequore saxi,  
 urgerive superne obtritum pondere terrae.

‘Iam iam non domus accipiet te laeta, neque uxor  
 optima nec dulces occurrent oscula nati                    890  
 praeripere et tacita pectus dulcedine tangent.

non poteris factis florentibus esse, tuisque  
 praesidium. misero misere’ aiunt ‘omnia ademit  
 una dies infesta tibi tot praemia vitae.’

illud in his rebus non addunt ‘nec tibi earum                    900  
 iam desiderium rerum super insidet una.’

quod bene si videant animo dictisque sequantur,  
 dissoluant animi magno se angore metuque. .

‘tu quidem ut es leto sopitus, sic eris aevi  
 quod superest cunctis privatu’ doloribus aegriss:                    905  
 at nos horrifico cinefactum te prope busto

insatiabiliter deflevimus, aeternumque

nulla dies nobis maerorem e pectore demet.’

illud ab hoc igitur quaerendum est, quid sit amari  
 tanto opere, ad somnum si res redit atque quietem,                    910  
 cur quisquam aeterno possit tabescere luctu.

Hoc etiam faciunt ubi discubuere tenentque  
 pocula saepe homines et inumbrant ora coronis,  
 ex animo ut dicant ‘brevis hic est fructus homullis;  
 iam fuerit neque post umquam revocare licebit.’                    915  
 tamquam in morte mali cum primis hoc sit eorum,  
 quod sitis exurat miseros atque arida torres,  
 aut aliae cuius desiderium insideat rei.  
 nec sibi enim quisquam tum se vitamque requirit,

893 *obtritum* Pont. Mar. Ald. 1 Junt. for *obrutum*.                    894 *Iam iam* Flor. 31

4 Vat. Lach. *Amiam* A Nicc. *Vimiam* B. *At iam* Pont. Mar. Ald. 1 Junt. vulg. *At iam* is perhaps right.                    897 898 Lamb. has departed widely from the mss. without any cause, reading *tibi fortibus* for *florentibus*, *miser o miser* for *misero misere*.                    902 *quod* Nicc. for *Quo*.                    904—908: to these verses Bern. has properly attached the mark of apostrophe.                    914 *fructus* Flor. 31 Camb. for *fluctus*.

917 *torres* Lach. for *torret* A, *torrat* A corr. B Nicc. *terra* Flor. 31 Camb. Mon. Lamb.                    919 *requirit* Flor. 29 corr. (Politian?) Camb. corr.

cum pariter mens et corpus sopita quiescunt ; 920  
 nam licet aeternum per nos sic esse soporem,  
 nec desiderium nostri nos adficit ullum.  
 et tamen haudquaquam nostros tunc illa per artus  
 longe ab sensiferis primordia motibus errant,  
 cum correptus homo ex somno se colligit ipse. 925  
 multo igitur mortem minus ad nos esse putandumst,  
 si minus esse potest quam nil esse videmus ;  
 maior enim turbae disiectus materiai  
 consequitur leto nec quisquam expergitus exstat,  
 frigida quem semel est vitai pausa secuta. 930

Denique si vocem rerum natura repente  
 mittat et hoc alicui nostrum sic increpet ipsa  
 'quid tibi tanto operest, mortalis, quod nimis aegris  
 luctibus indulges ? quid mortem congemis ac fles ?  
 nam gratis anteacta fuit tibi vita priorque 935  
 et non omnia pertusum congesta quasi in vas  
 commoda perfluxere atque ingrata interiere :  
 cur non ut plenus vitae conviva recedis  
 aequo animoque capis securam, stulte, quietem ?  
 sin ea quae fructus cumque es perierte profusa 940  
 vitaque in offensust, cur amplius addere quaeris,  
 rursum quod pereat male et ingratum occidat omne,  
 non potius vitae finem facis atque laboris ?  
 nam tibi praeterea quod machiner inveniamque,  
 quod placeat, nil est : eadem sunt omnia semper. 945  
 si tibi non annis corpus iam marcat et artus  
 confecti languent, eadem tamen omnia restant,  
 omnia si pergas vivendo vincere saecla,  
 atque etiam potius, si numquam sis moriturus,'

Nauger. for requiret. 921 esse soporem A Nicc. vulg. esse praemo B: a mere blunder, the *so* being absorbed in *esse*: yet Bern. reads *per aevum*. 922 adficit Lamb. ed. 1 and 2, Heins. in ms. notes for *adigit*. attigit Flor. 31 Camb. Mar. Avanc. Lamb. ed. 3. 935 Nam gratis anteacta fuit tibi vita priorque Ed. for *N. gr. fuit tibi vita anteacta priorque*. Perhaps Lucr. wrote *Nam gratis fuit* or *fuit tibi cet.*: the *ū* is common in old writers. *N. gr. fuit haec t. v. a. pr.* Lach. *N. si grata f. t. v. a. p.* Nauger. *Nam gratis fluxit* cet. Mar. Junt. *Nam gratum f. t. v.* Nicc. *Nam gratisne fuit* Bern. 941 offensust Lamb. for *offensost*. 942 male et B Flor. 31 etc. rightly. mali et A Nicc. Camb. Wak. 943 finem facis Avanc. for *finem iacis*. 945 placeat Nicc. for placet. 948 pergas Lamb. ed. 3 for *perges*. 950 nisi Mar. Junt. for

- quid respondemus, nisi iustum intendere litem  
naturam et veram verbis exponere causam ? 950
- 955 grandior hic vero si iam seniorque queratur  
952 atque obitum lamentetur miser amplius aequo,  
non merito inclamat magis et voce increpet acri ?
- 954 'aufer abhinc lacrimas, balatro, et compesce querellas. 955  
omnia perfunctus vitai praemia marces.  
sed quia semper aves quod abest, praesentia temuis,  
inperfecta tibi elapsast ingrataque vita  
et nee opinanti mors ad caput adstitit ante  
quam satur ac plenus possis discedere rerum. 960
- nunc aliena tua tamen aetate omnia mitte  
acquo animoque agendum magnus concede: necessest.'  
iure, ut opinor, agat, iure increpet inciletque;  
**cedit enim rerum novitate extrusa vetustas**  
semper, et ex aliis aliud reparare necessest; 965  
nec quisquam in barathrum nec Tartara deditur atra:  
materies opus est ut crescant postera saecla;  
quae tamen omnia te vita perfuncta sequentur;  
nec minus ergo ante haec quam tu cecidere, cadentque.  
sic alid ex alio numquam desistet oriri 970  
vitaque mancipio nulli datur, omnibus usu.  
respice item quam nil ad nos anteacta vetustas  
temporis aeterni fuerit, quam nascimur ante.  
hoc igitur speculum nobis natura futuri  
temporis exponit post mortem denique nostram. 975  
numquid ibi horribile appetit, num triste videtur  
quicquam, non omni somno securius exstat?

Atque ea nimirum quaecumque Acherunte profundo  
prodita sunt esse, in vita sunt omnia nobis.

si. 952 (955) placed here first by Lach. 955 *balatro* certain critics in  
Turneb. advers. and Heins. in ms. notes for *baratre*. *barde* Ald. 1 Junt. not Mar.  
958 *inperfecta* Flor. 31 Camb. for *inperfecte*. 960 *discedere* Nicc. for  
*discre*. 962 *agendum* Nicc. for *agendum*. *magnus* 'censor Orellii Ienenis' for  
*magnis*. *iam aliis* Mar. Ald. 1 Junt. vulg. *dignis* Lach. *gnatis* Bern. *humanis*  
and *magis sis* Ed. formerly. 966 *deditur* A Nicc. *dedit* B. *decidit* B corr.  
Lamb. 978 *Atque ea nimirum* AB Flor. 31 Camb. 2 Vat. Priscian rightly. Nicc.  
has *Atque animarum etiam*: a strange error which is repeated by 2 Vat. Brix. Ver.  
Ven. Mar. Ald. 1 and 2, Junt.: the last four read *Atqui*. Avanc. however at the  
end of his Catullus rightly recalls *Atque ea nimirum*; as do Lamb. vulg. but not

nec miser inpendens magnum timet aere saxum Tantalus, ut famast, cassa formidine torpens ; sed magis in vita divom metus urget inanis mortalis casumque timent quem cuique ferat fors. nec Tityon volucres ineunt Acherunte iacentem nec quod sub magno scrutentur pectore quicquam perpetuam aetatem possunt reperiire profecto. quamlibet immani projectu corporis exstet, qui non sola novem dispessis iugera membris optineat, sed qui terrai totius orbem, non tamen aeternum poterit perferre dolorem nec praebere cibum proprio de corpore semper. sed Tityos nobis hic est, in amore iacentem quem volucres lacerant atque exest anxius angor aut alia quavis scindunt cuppedine curae. Sisyphus in vita quoque nobis ante oculos est qui petere a populo fasces saevasque secures imbibit et semper victus tristisque recedit. nam petere imperium quod inanest nec datur umquam, atque in eo semper durum sufferre laborem, hoc est adverso nixantem trudere monte saxum quod tamen e summo iam vertice rusum volvitur et plani raptim petit aequora campi. deinde animi ingratam naturam pascere semper	980 985 990 995 1000
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Wak. 983 *cuique*. *cumque* B Lamb. etc. wrongly. 985 *quod* Camb.  
Junt. etc. for *quid*. 988 *dispessis* Turneb. for *dispersis*: so Ed. in II 1126:  
comp. Ovid. met. IV 458, and Plaut. miles 1407. *dispensis* Lamb. ed. 3. ‘leg.  
distensis dispansi’ Heins. in ms. notes. 992 *est* B corr. Flor. 31 for *es*. et  
Nicc. 994 *cuppedine* Pont. Lamb. rightly, as v 45 vi 25. *cupredine* AB.  
*turpedine* A corr. Nicc. Flor. 31 Camb. Junt. etc. *torpedine* Ven. Ald. 1 Gif. who  
says ‘Ita v. nostri et aliorum fere. in q. v. *cuppedine*, quod inrepsisse puto ex aliis  
locis inf. lib. 5 et 6 ..contra Marull. ex hoc loco mutarat inf. lib. 5 et 6 *torpedine*  
pro *cupp.* *supposito*’. Now the Junt. reads here, as I have said, *turpedine*; v 45  
and vi 25 *cupedinis*. Again Ven. not Brix. or Ver. *torpedine* here. This therefore  
is one of many proofs, some of which I have given elsewhere, that Gifanius had  
the old Venice edition with Marullus’ ms. notes before him, and that this is  
the book belonging to Sambucus of which he speaks both in his preface to  
Sambucus himself and in his address to the reader: see above p. 9. [*turpedine*  
Mon. as I now find: and the corrector Marullus repeats the words in marg. as  
notable: *torpedine* must have been an earlier notion of Marullus; as in v and vi  
he properly corrects the ms. reading to *cupedinis*.] 1001 *e summo iam vertice*  
Pont. Avanc. for *summo iam vertice*. *summo iam e vertice* Flor. 31 Camb. *a su. i. v.*

atque explere bonis rebus satiareque numquam,  
quod faciunt nobis annorum tempora, circum  
cum redeunt fetusque ferunt variosque lepores,  
nec tamen exemplum vitai fructibus umquam,  
hoc, ut opinor, id est, aevo florente puellas  
quod memorant laticem pertusum congerere in vas,  
quod tamen expleri nulla ratione potestur. 1005  
Cerberus et furiae iam vero et lucis egestas  
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Tartarus horriferos cructans faucibus aestus,  
qui neque sunt usquam nec possunt esse profecto.  
sed metus in vita poenarum pro male factis  
est insignibus insignis scelerisque luella, 1015  
carcer et horribilis de saxo iactu' deorsum,  
verbera carnifices robur pix lammina taedae;  
quae tamen etsi absunt, at mens sibi conscientia factis  
praemetuens adhibet stimulus terretque flagellis  
nec videt interea qui terminus esse malorum  
possit nec quae sit poenarum denique finis  
atque eadem metuit magis haec ne in morte gravescant.  
hic Acherusia fit stultorum denique vita. 1020

Hoc etiam tibi tute interdum dicere possis  
'lumina sis oculis etiam bonus Ancu' reliquit 1025

Mar. Junt. vulg. 1005 *circum Cum redeunt.* *victum, Cum redeunt* Lach.  
without cause. 1009 *congerere* B corr. etc. for *cogere*. 1010 *nulla*  
Nicc. for *ulla*. After 1011 I believe some verses are lost: both the words of  
Servius to Aen. vi 596 and his context prove to me that he is speaking of Lucretius,  
not of Virgil as Bernays affirms in Rhein. Mus. n. f. v p. 584, when he says 'per  
rotam autem ostendit negotiatores qui semper tempestatisbus turbinibusque vol-  
vuntur'. I have appended the mark of a hiatus and made no change in the  
text. *furiae* B corr. Pont. Mar. for *funae*. For *egestas* of all mss. and of Brix.  
and Ver., Ven. has the remarkable reading *egenus*, adopted by Ald. 1 Junt. Lamb.  
vulg. Lach.; but it is of course a pure conjecture which Lach. wrongly gives to  
Marullus. 1013 *Qui neque. Quid? neque* Lach. *Haec neque* Mar. Junt.  
vulg. 1014 *poenarum* Nicc. for *paenarum* of AB: in ancient times there  
seems to have been a struggle between *paena* and the more correct *poena* which  
finally prevailed. *paenitet*, or later *penitet*, was alone known. 1016 *iactu'*  
*deorsum* Lamb. for *iactus eorum*. *iactu' reorum* Heins. in ms. notes. 1017 *iam*  
*mina* AB. *agmina* Nicc. Flor. 31 Brix. Ver. *lamina* Ven. vulg. *lammina* Lach.  
1019 *terretque* Lach. for *torretque*. *torquetque* Heins. in ms. notes and advers.  
which Virg. Aen. vi 670 *sontis...flagello...quatit* might perhaps support.  
1023 *Hic. Hinc* Pont. Mar. Junt. Lamb. vulg. without cause. 1031 *superare*

qui melior multis quam tu fuit, improbe, rebus.  
 inde alii multi reges rerumque potentes  
 occiderunt, magnis qui gentibus imperitarunt.  
 ille quoque ipse, viam qui quondam per mare magnum  
 stravit iterque dedit legionibus ire per altum      1030  
 ac pedibus salsa docuit superare lucunas  
 et contempsit equis insultans murmura ponti,  
 lumine adempto animam moribundo corpore fudit.  
 Scipiadas, belli fulmen, Carthaginis horror,  
 ossa dedit terrae proinde ac famul infimus esset.      1035  
 adde repertores doctrinarum atque leporum,  
 adde Heliconiadum comites; quorum unus Homerus  
 sceptrum potitus eadem aliis sopitu' quietest.  
 denique Democritum postquam matura vetustas  
 admonuit memores motus languescere mentis,      1040  
 sponte sua leto caput obvius optulit ipse.  
 ipse Epicurus obit decurso lumine vitae,  
 qui genus humanum ingenio superavit et omnis  
 restinxit, stellas exortus ut aetherius sol.  
 tu vero dubitabis et indignabere obire?      1045  
 mortua cui vita est prope iam vivo atque videnti,  
 qui somno partem maiorem conteris aevi  
 et vigilans stertis nec somnia cernere cessas  
 sollicitamque geris cassa formidine mentem  
 nec reperire potes tibi quid sit saepe mali, cum      1050  
 ebrius urgeris multis miser undique curis  
 atque animi incerto fluitans errore vagaris.'

Si possent homines, proinde ac sentire videntur  
 pondus inesse animo quod se gravitate fatiget,

Nicc. (not Flor. 31 or Camb.) for *super ire*. Lach. encloses the v. in [ ], as wrongly retained by the first editor.      1032 *equis.* *aquis* Lamb. etc. wrongly.

1033 *fudit* Pont. Mar. Ald. 1 Junt. for *fugit*.      1034 *Scipiadas* AB Lach.  
*Scipiades* Nicc. vulg.      1038 *potitus* Flor. 31 Camb. Brix. Pont. Mar. for  
*potius*.      1040 *memores.* *memorem* Lamb.      1042 *obit* Flor. 31 Pont. Mar.  
 for *obiit*. *iit* Lach. *iit* can scarcely be used in this unqualified way for *mortuus est*; nor is the evidence adduced by Lach. in his long and most learned note sufficient to shew that Lucre. could not have used the form *obit* before a consonant: but see notes 2.      1044 *aetherius* Lactantius Junt. *aerius* mss.      1050 *potes*  
*tibi quid sit* Lach. for *potest ibi quod sit.* *potes tibi quod sit* Mar. *potes quod sit ibi* Nicc.: hence *potes quid sit tibi* Flor. 31 Camb. Brix. Ver. Ven. Avanc. vulg. *potes quod sit tibi* Junt. Ald. 2 wrongly.      1052 *animi incerto* Lamb. for *animo*

e quibus id fiat causis quoque noscere et unde tanta mali tamquam moles in pectore constet, haut ita vitam agerent, ut nunc plerumque videmus quid sibi quisque velit nescire et quaerere semper commutare locum quasi onus deponere possit.

exit saepe foras magnis ex aedibus ille,  
esse domi quem pertaesumst, subitoque *revertit*,  
quippe foris nilo melius qui sentiat esse.  
currit agens mannos ad villam praecipitanter,  
auxilium tectis quasi ferre ardentibus instans;  
oscitat extemplo, tetigit cum limina villaer,  
aut abit in somnum gravis atque oblivia quaerit,  
aut etiam properans urbem petit atque revisit.  
hoc se quisque modo fugit (at quem scilicet, ut fit,  
effugere haut potis est, ingratis haeret) et odit  
propterea, morbi quia causam non tenet aeger;  
quam bene si videat, iam rebus quisque relictis  
naturam primum studeat cognoscere rerum,  
temporis aeterni quoniam, non unius horae,  
ambigitur status, in quo sit mortalibus omnis  
aetas, post mortem quae restat cumque manenda.

Denique tanto opere in dubiis trepidare periclis  
quae mala nos subigit vitae tanta cupido?  
certa quidem finis vitae mortalibus adstat  
nec devitari letum potest quin obeamus.  
praeterea versamur ibidem atque insimus usque  
nec nova vivendo procuditur ulla voluptas;

*incerto.* 1061 *revertit* added by Politian in marg. Flor. 29 Ald. 1 Junt. vulg. *reventat* Flor. 29 Flor. 31 Camb. Mar. *revertens* Pont. *revisit* Proll, de form. ant. Lucr. p. 44—48. 1063 *praecipitanter* Nicc. for *praecipiter*. ‘*f. praecipiterque....instat*’ Heins. in ms. notes. 1068 1069: by a better punctuation I have I think made this disputed passage quite clear: 1069 *ingratiss* Lamb. rightly for *ingratius*: nothing else is to be changed; but *at quem...haeret* are to be enclosed in brackets. 1068 for *quem* Lach. *quoniam*: his note is most unsatisfactory and to me almost unintelligible; especially the words ‘nam sese homo aut semper effugere potest aut numquam, quoniam hoc totum figurare dicitur’. Seneca de *tranquill*. II 14 clearly read *quem*: he explains Lucr. quite correctly. *fugit at. fugitat* Madvig poet. Lat. carm. sel. 1843: but Seneca, as well as our mss., clearly read *fugit at.* 1069 *haeret et angit* Mar. Junt. Lamb. vulg. For *ingratius* Ven. alone has *initus*; therefore Avanc. who founded his revision on it has *invitus adhaeret*. 1073 *Temporis aeterni* Pont. Mar. Ald. 1 Junt. first for *Aeterni temporis*. 1075 *manenda* Lamb. for *manendo*. 1078 *Certa quidem* Avanc

sed dum abest quod avemus, id exsuperare videtur  
cetera; post aliut, cum contigit illud, avemus  
et sitis aequa tenet vitai semper hiantis.

posteraque in dubiost fortunam quam vehat aetas, 1085

quidve ferat nobis casus quive exitus instet.

nec prorsum vitam ducendo demimus hilum 1090

tempore de mortis nec delibare valemus,

quo minus esse diu possimus forte perempti.

proinde licet quot vis vivendo condere saecla;

mors aeterna tamen nilo minus illa manebit,

nec minus ille diu iam non erit, ex hodierno

lumine qui finem vitai fecit, et ille,

mensibus atque annis qui multis occidit ante.

before Lamb. for *Certe equidem*: Luer. may have written *equidem*.

1085 *for-*

*tunam* Ald. 1 Junt. first for *fortuna*. 1088 *delibare* Pont. Mar. Junt. for

*deliberare*. *delibrare* Avanc. Lamb. ‘f. devitare,’ Heins. in ms. notes.

1089 *possimus forte* Nicc. B corr. Flor. 31 Camb. Brix. Ver. Ven. for *possumus forte*. *sorte* Ald. 1 Pius Junt. Naugerius. *morte* Lamb. first: no ‘Italus’ before him.

T. LUCRETI CARI  
DE RERUM NATURA  
LIBER QUARTUS

[Avia Pieridum peragro loca nullius ante  
trita solo, iuvat integros accedere fontis  
atque haurire, iuvatque novos decerpere flores  
insignemque meo capiti petere inde coronam  
unde prius nulli velarint tempora musae;      5  
primum quod magnis doceo de rebus et artis  
religionum animum nodis exsolvere pergo,  
deinde quod obscura de re tam lucida pango  
carmina, musaeo contingens cuncta lepore.  
id quoque enim non ab nulla ratione videtur;      10  
nam veluti pueris absinthia taetra medentes  
cum dare conantur, prius oras pocula circum  
contingunt mellis dulci flavoque liquore,  
ut puerorum aetas improvida ludificetur  
labrorum tenus, interea perpotet amarum      15  
absinthi laticem deceptaque non capiatur,  
sed potius tali pacto recreata valescat,  
sic ego nunc, quoniam haec ratio plerumque videtur  
tristior esse quibus non est tractata, retroque  
volgus abhorret ab hac, volui tibi suaviloquenti      20  
carmine Pierio rationem exponere nostram

7 animum. animos Lactant. 1 16: see 1 932.      8 pango Flor. 31 Camb.  
3 Vat. vulg. for pando: so 1 933.      11 Nam. Ac Quintil. III 1 4 Nonius  
Hieronym.      13 Contingunt. Inspirant or Aspergunt Quintil.      17 pacto Lach.  
for atacto: so 1 942. a tactu Nicc. one Vat. Ver. Ven. Ald. 1 Junt. Wak. attactu  
Flor. 31 3 Vat. adtactu Camb. tactu Lamb. ed. 3. facto Lamb. ed. 1 and 2,

et quasi musaeo dulci contingere melle,  
si tibi forte animum tali ratione tenere  
versibus in nostris possem, dum percipis omnem  
naturam rerum ac persentis utilitatem.]

25

Atque animi quoniam docui natura quid esset  
et quibus e rebus cum corpore compta vigeret  
quove modo distracta rediret in ordia prima,  
nunc agere incipiam tibi, quod vementer ad has res  
attinet, esse ea quae rerum simulacra vocamus: 30  
quae, quasi membranae summo de corpore rerum  
dereptae, volitant ultiroque citroque per auras,  
atque eadem nobis vigilantibus obvia mentes  
terrificant atque in somnis, cum saepe figuræ  
contuimus miras simulaeraque luce carentum,  
quae nos horrifice languentis saepe sopore  
excierunt: ne forte animas Acherunte reamur  
effugere aut umbras inter vivos volitare  
neve aliquid nostri post mortem posse relinquiri,  
cum corpus simul atque animi natura perempta 40  
in sua discessum dederint primordia quaeque.

35

Dico igitur rerum effigias tenuisque figuræ  
mittier ab rebus summo de corpore rerum,  
51 quoique membranae, vel cortex nominitandæ. 50  
quod speciem ac formam similem gerit eius imago

Gif. 32 *dereptæ* B Lamb. *direptæ* A Nice. all before Lamb. 41 *quaeque*.  
*quoique* Lach. ‘discessus’ he says ‘non aliter dari potest quam quomodo *fugam dari*  
Vergilius dixit, id est concedi’: but Virgil also says XII 367 *fugam dant nubila*, that  
is *fugiunt*: see notes 2 for many more illustrations: *discessum dederint* therefore =  
*discesserint*. 42 *effigias* Lamb. for *effugias* of AB. *effigies* Nicc. and all mss.  
and eds. between him and Lamb. 43 *summo de corpore rerum* Lach. for *summo*  
*de cortice eorum*. *summo de corpore earum* Lamb. vulg.: but comp. 31 and 64,  
and Lachmann’s note. 44—47 (45—48) = III 31—34, except 44 *Sed quoniam*  
for *Et quoniam*, 47 *Quoque, possit* for *Quove, possint*, and are rightly ejected by  
Lach. as a gloss. In this place they are of course quite inadmissible. Mar.  
Junt. vulg. put them before 26; and thither, if retained, they must be  
transferred. To this Lach. offers the objection that while the first 24 lines are  
repeated word for word from the first book, in 25 we have *ac persentis utilitatem*  
for *qua constet compta figura*: this change he says was probably made because  
in 27 are the words *compta vigeret*; but had the poet really inserted 44—47 before  
26, this alteration would not have been called for: see however what is said in  
notes 2. 48 49 (49 50) = 29 30 and seem to be repeated here without meaning  
because of the resemblance between what precedes and follows them there and

- cuiuscumque cluet de corpore fusa vagari.  
 44 id licet hinc quamvis hebeti cognoscere corde.  
 54 principio quoniam mittunt in rebus apertis  
 corpora res multae, partim diffusa solute,  
 robora ceu fumum mittunt ignesque vaporem,  
 et partim contexta magis condensaque, ut olim  
 cum teretis ponunt tunicas aestate cicadae,  
 et vituli cum membranas de corpore summo  
 nascentes mittunt, et item cum lubrica serpens  
 exuit in spinis vestem; nam saepe videmus  
 illorum spoliis vepres volitantibus auctas:  
 quae quoniam fiunt, tenuis quoque debet imago  
 ab rebus mitti summo de corpore rerum.  
 nam cur illa cadant magis ab rebusque recedant  
 quam quae tenvia sunt, hiscendist nulla potestas;  
 praesertim cum sint in summis corpora rebus  
 multa minuta, iaci quae possint ordine eodem  
 quo fuerint et formai servare figuram,  
 et multo citius, quanto minus indupediri  
 pauca queunt et *quae* sunt prima fronte locata.  
 nam certe iacere ac largiri multa videmus,  
 non solum ex alto penitusque, ut diximus ante,  
 verum de summis ipsum quoque saepe colorem.  
 et volgo faciunt id lutea russaque vela  
 et ferrugina, cum magnis intenta theatris  
 per malos volgata trabesque trementia flutant;  
 namque ibi consessum caveai super et omnem

what precedes and follows here. Mar. and Junt. first omitted them. 50  
*Quoi* Ed. for *Qui*. *Quae* Nonius Flor. 31 Camb. vulgo and Lach. 52 *cluet*  
 Brix. Avanc. Ald. 2 for *ciuet. cui et* Nice. *tui et* Flor. 31 Camb. *eluet* Ver. Ven.  
*queat* Mar. Junt. 53 (44) first transferred hither by Mar. Junt. 54 *mitt-*  
*tunt* Nice. for *mittuntur.* 68 *eodem* Pont. Mar. Junt. for *eorum. rerum* Ven.  
 Avanc. 69 *et formai* Is. Voss. in ms. notes for *et forma. et cum forma* B corr.  
*veterem et formam* Camb. *veterem et formae* Vat. 1136 and 1954 Othob. Lamb.  
*solitam et formae* Avanc. Nauger. *formaeque suam* Pont. Junt. *conformem or con-*  
*similem* conj. Lamb. *conformem* Heins. in ms. notes. 71 *et quae sunt prima*  
 Lach. for *et sunt prima AB. quadratus habet in ante prima additum antiquissima,*  
*si non prima manu'* Lach.: and so Pont. Mar. Ald. 1 Junt. *et sunt prima sub*  
 Flor. 31 Camb. 72 *iacere ac largiri* Lach. most acutely for *iacere aciergiri.*  
*iacere ac iaculari* Flor. 31 Camb. 2 Vat. Mar. Ald. 1 Junt. 77 *flutant* Turnebus  
 Lamb. ed. 3 for *fluctus* B. om. A Nicc. 2 Vat. Brix. Ver.: hence *circum, pendent,*

scaenai speciem, patrum coetumque decorum  
inficiunt coguntque suo fluitare colore. 80  
et quanto circum mage sunt inclusa theatri  
moenibu', tam magis haec intus perfusa lepore  
omnia conrident correpta luce diei.  
ergo lintea de summo cum corpore fucum  
mittunt, effigias quoque debent mittere tenuis 85  
res quaeque, ex summo quoniam iaculantur utraque.  
sunt igitur iam formarum vestigia certa  
quae volgo volitant suptili praedita filo  
nec singillatim possunt secreta videri.  
praeterea omnis odor fumus vapor atque aliae res  
consimiles ideo diffusae e rebus abundant,  
ex alto quia dum veniunt intrinsecus ortae,  
scinduntur per iter flexum, nec recta viarum  
ostia sunt qua contendant exire coortae.  
at contra tenuis summi membrana coloris 95  
cum iacitur, nil est quod eam diserpere possit,  
in promptu quoniam est in prima fronte locata.  
postremo speculis in aqua splendoreque in omni  
quaecumque apparent nobis simulacra, necesset,  
quandoquidem simili specie sunt praedita rerum 100  
extima, imaginibus missis consistere rerum.

*duras* in various mss. and eds. 79 *Scaenai* Lamb. first for *Scaenal A, Scaenali*  
B. *Scaenalem A corr.* Nicc. all mss. and eds. between him and Lamb. *patrum*  
*coetumque decorum* Ed. for *patrum matrumque deorum*. *patrum matrumque deo-*  
*rumque* Nicc. all before Lach. *pulcrum variumque decorum* Lach. *claram variamque*  
*deorum* Bern. But comp. Aen. v 340, Tac. ann. XIII 54 and Camb. Journ. of phil.  
I 373. Lucr. often has *que* in the third place: comp. 104, and see notes 2 to II  
1050. *patrum* and *decorum* seem to me pretty certain: for *coetumque* perhaps  
*ornatumque* or the like. 81 *inclusa theatri Moenib' Ed.* for *inclusa* (B, *in-*  
*claustra A Nicc.) theatri Moenia*: a necessary and simple correction: *Moenia* has  
arisen from the neighbouring *inclusa*, *haec, perfusa*: so II 458 *omnia* for *omnib'*,  
919 *animalib'* for *animalia*. *inclusa theatri Moenia*, the vulg. reading, has no sense.  
*angusta theatri Moenia* Lach. which is contrary to the truth. 91 *diffusae*  
*rebus AB.* Lamb. has rightly added *e*; and 92 he has also rightly given *intrinsecus*  
for *extrinsecus*: so VI 1099 *intrinsecus A* for *extrinsecus*. 94 *coorte B, i.e.*  
*coortae*; and so Lamb. ed. 3. *coorta A.* *qua contendant AB* most properly. *qua*  
*contendant* Nicc. and all mss. and eds. between him and Lach.: 91 *diffusa e*, 92  
*extrinsecu' torte*, 94 *coorta Lach.* whose explanation is most forced. 101  
*Extima, imaginibus* Ed. for *Ex imaginibus*: the scribe neglected to repeat the  
*ima*. *Excita imaginibus* Lach. *Esse in imaginibus* Avanc. Nauger. Lamb. vulg.  
without meaning. *Esse et Mar. Junt. rerum* Lach. for *eorum*, as in 43. *earum*

sunt igitur tenues formae, rerum similesque  
effigiae, singillatim quas cernere nemo  
cum possit tamen, adsiduo crebroque repulso  
reiectae reddunt speculorum ex aquore visum,  
nec ratione alia servari posse videntur,  
tanto opere ut similes reddantur cuique figurae.

Nunc age quam tenui natura constet imago  
percipe. et in primis, quoniam primordia tantum  
sunt infra nostros sensus tantoque minora  
quam quae primum oculi coeptant non posse tueri,  
nunc tamen id quoque uti confirmem, exordia rerum  
cunctarum quam sint suftilia percipe paucis. 115  
primum animalia sunt iam partim tantula, quorum  
tertia pars nulla possit ratione videri.  
horum intestinum quodvis quale esse putandumst!  
quid cordis globus aut oculi? quid membra? quid artus?  
quantula sunt! quid praeterea primordia quaeque 120  
unde anima atque animi constet natura necessumst?  
nonne vides quam sint subtilia quamque minuta?  
praeterea quaecumque suo de corpore odorem  
expirant acrem, panaces absinthia taetra

Mar. Junt. 102 103=65 66. 104 *formae rerum similesque* Ed. for *formarum dissimilesque*: comp. Camb. Journ. of phil. 1 p. 43; I have since learnt that Hugo Purmann hit upon the same correction before me: *dissimilesque* was written merely to fill up the verse. *formarum illis similesque* Lach. *formarum consimilesque* Lamb. vulg. 116 *quorum* H. Purmann Lucr. quaest. p. 27, *corum* Lach. for *eorum*. *eorum ut* Camb. Vat. 1136 Othob. Mar. Junt. *ut horum* Vat. 3276 Pont. Nauger. *eorum...nulla ut possit* Avanc. After 126 not a few vss. must have been lost. Heins. in ms. notes says 'aliquid deest': Haverc. suspected the same. Lach. by an elaborate and acute calculation shews or endeavours to shew that one page of the archetype containing 25 lines and one heading, *Esse item maiora*, has been lost. That a page of the archetype ended with 126 is certain; that another page commenced with 127, and that this page was a left-hand or even-numbered page is no less certain, as Lach. has demonstrated. It is also perhaps more probable that 25 lines were here lost, than double that number or more, because the poet in 115 says, as Lach. points out, *percipe paucis*. But Lachmann's calculation, taken in conjunction with his general theory of the mode in which AB and the other mss. descended from the archetype, involves a great difficulty which is discussed above p. 27, 28. Lach. thus continues the sentence of 126 *duobus [Attingas digitis]*: Haverc. *[Contrectes digitis]*. Among the lost verses Lach. places this fragment, *qui fulmine claro Omnia per sonitus arcet, terram mare caelum*: which I believe belongs to Ennius, not to Luer. at all, as it has nothing of his style about it; and Servius Aen. 1 30 assigns it distinctly to the former, while the words of

habrotonique graves et tristia centaurea,  
quorum unum quidvis leviter si forte duobus

125

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quin potius noscas rerum simulacra vagari  
multa modis multis nulla vi cassaque sensu?

[Sed ne forte putas ea demum sola vagari,  
quaecumque ab rebus rerum simulacra recedunt,  
sunt etiam quae sponte sua gignuntur et ipsa  
constituuntur in hoc caelo qui dicitur aer,

130

135 quae multis formata modis sublime feruntur

141 nec speciem mutare suam liquefiant cessant  
et cuiusque modi formarum vertere in oras;

135

133 ut nubes facile interdum concrescere in alto  
cernimus et mundi speciem violare serenam

136 aera mulcentes motu. nam saepe Gigantum  
ora volare videntur et umbram ducere late,  
interdum magni montes avolsaque saxa

140

montibus anteire et solem succedere praeter,  
140 inde alios trahere atque inducere belua nimbos.]

143 Nunc ea quam facili et celeri ratione genantur  
perpetuoque fluant ab rebus lapsaque cedant

semper enim summum quicquid de rebus abundat  
quod iacentur. et hoc alias cum pervenit in res,  
transit, ut in primis vitrum. sed ubi aspera saxa  
aut in materiam ligni pervenit, ibi iam

145

scinditur ut nullum simulacrum reddere possit.

at cum splendida quae constant opposta fuerunt

150

densaque, ut in primis speculum est, nil accidit horum;

Probus to ecl. vi 31 are ambiguous. 129—142, strangely transposed in the mss. as may be seen by our left-hand numbering, were first brought into order by the acuteness of Lamb.: see above p. 30 for a possible explanation of this disorder. 138 *motu. nam. motum* in Nicc. the cause of great confusion in later mss. and eds. before Mar. Junt. and Lamb. 143 *genantur* Lamb. for *gerantur*: a necessary change here, though he often introduces the word without cause.

After 144 a verse has manifestly been lost: it is curious that Marullus and Lamb. should have overlooked this. ‘deest *Percipe vel Expediam*, tum paueula a quibus illud enim quod subicitur pendeat’ Lach. 147 and 152 *vitrum* Oppenrieder for *vestem*: a necessary correction which it is strange neither Lamb. nor Lach. should have made: Lamb. indeed sees the difficulty involved in *vestem*, Lach. does not: comp.

nam neque, uti vitrum, potis est transire, neque autem  
scindi; quam meminit levor praestare salutem.

quapropter fit ut hinc nobis simulacra redundant.

et quamvis subito quovis in tempore quamque

155

rem contra speculum ponas, apparet imago;

perpetuo fluere ut noscas e corpore summo

texturas rerum tenuis tenuisque figuræ.

ergo multa brevi spatio simulacra genuntur,

ut merito celer his rebus dicatur origo.

160

et quasi multa brevi spatio summittere debet

lumina sol ut perpetuo sint omnia plena,

sic ab rebus item simili ratione necessest

temporis in puncto rerum simulacra ferantur

multa modis multis in cunctas undique partis;

165

quandoquidem speculum quo cumque obvertimus oris,

res ibi respondent simili forma atque colore.

praeterea modo cum fuerit liquidissima caeli

tempestas, per quam subito fit turbida foede,

undique uti tenebras omnis Acherunta rearis

170

liquisse et magnas caeli complesse cavernas.

usque adeo taetra nimborum nocte coorta

in pendens atræ formidinis ora superne;

quorum quantula pars sit imago dicere nemost

qui possit neque eam rationem reddere dictis.

175

Nunc age, quam celeri motu simulacra ferantur

et quae mobilitas ollis tranantibus auras

reddita sit, longo spatio ut brevis hora teratur,

in quem quaque locum diverso numine tendunt,

suavidicis potius quam multis versibus edam;

180

parvus ut est cycni melior canor, ille gruum quam

clamor in aetheriis dispersus nubibus austri.

principio persaepe levis res atque minutis

corporibus factas celeris licet esse videre.

602. 152 *potis est* Lach. for *possunt*. *autem* Mon. Ven. and hence Avanc. Junt. and all eds. before Lach. 159 *genuntur* Lamb. for *geruntur*: here too a necessary correction. 167 *Res ibi* A and most mss. and eds. *Res sibi* B Camb. Ven. which Lach. thinks ‘unice verum’. *Res tibi* Gif. 178 *teratur* Pont. Junt. most properly for *jeratur*. 179 *tendunt* Lamb. for *tendit*. Lach. puts this verse after 175, reading *tendat*, and *momine* for *numine* with Mar. Junt., a change which I am now not inclined to acquiesce in: see II 632, and Epicurus

in quo iam genere est solis lux et vapor eius      185  
 propterea quia sunt e primis facta minutis  
 quae quasi cuduntur perque aeris intervallum  
 non dubitant transire sequenti concita plaga.  
 suppeditatur enim confestim lumine lumen  
 et quasi protelo stimulatur fulgere fulgor.      190  
 quapropter simulacra pari ratione necesse est  
 inmemorabile per spatium transcurrere posse  
 temporis in puncto, primum quod parvola causa  
 est procul a tergo quae provehat atque propellat,  
 quod superest, ubi tam volucri levitate ferantur ;      195  
 deinde quod usque adeo textura praedita rara  
 mittuntur, facile ut quasvis penetrare queant res  
 et quasi permanare per aeris intervallum.  
 praeterea si, quae penitus corpuscula rerum  
 ex altoque foras mittuntur, solis uti lux      200  
 ac vapor, haec puncto cernuntur lapsa diei  
 per totum caeli spatium diffundere sese  
 perque volare mare ac terras caelumque rigare,  
 quid quae sunt igitur iam prima fronte parata,  
 cum iaciuntur et emissum res nulla moratur ?      205  
 quone vides citius debere et longius ire  
 multiplexque loci spatium transcurrere eodem  
 tempore quo solis pervolgant lumina caelum ?  
 hoc etiam in primis specimen verum esse videtur  
 quam celeri motu rerum simulacra ferantur,      210  
 quod simul ac primum sub diu splendor aquai  
 ponitur, extemplo caelo stellante serena  
 sidera respondent in aqua radiantia mundi.  
 iamne vides igitur quam puncto tempore imago  
 aetheris ex oris in terrarum accidat oras ?      215  
 quare etiam atque etiam mira fateare necessest

cited in notes 2.

190 *fulgere* AB Nicc. Flor. 31 Camb. Mon. 3 Vat. *fulgure*  
 2 Vat. Brix. Ven. Mar. eds. before Lach.      195 Lach. places after 205: I wrongly  
 followed him formerly.      199 203 in my small ed. I allowed by accident Lach-  
 mann's punctuation to stand: of course there should be a comma after *si* and after  
 203, the apodosis beginning at *Quid quae.*      203 *caelum. circum* Lach.206 *Quone.* *Nonne* B corr. Pont. Mar. vulg.      211 *diu* AB Nicc. *divo* vulg. be-  
 fore Lach.      213 *mundi.* *mundo* Lach. but here, as 1 1060 and rv 418, he seems  
 not to feel that Lucre. calls the reflected image a *mundus*: a quite natural notion.

corpora quae feriant oculos visumque lacescant.  
perpetuoque fluunt certis ab rebus odores;  
frigus ut a fluviis, calor ab sole, aestus ab undis  
aequoris exesor moerorum litora circum.

220

nec variae cessant voces volitare per auras.  
denique in os salsi venit umor saepe saporis,  
cum mare versamur propter, dilutaque contra  
cum tuimur misceri absinthia, tangit amaror.  
usque adeo omnibus ab rebus res quaeque fluenter      225  
fertur et in cunctas dimittitur undique partis  
nec mora nec requies interdatur ulla fluendi,  
perpetuo quoniam sentimus, et omnia semper  
cernere odorari licet et sentire sonare.

Praeterea quoniam manibus tractata figura  
in tenebris quaedam cognoscitur esse eadem quae  
cernitur in luce et claro candore, necessest  
consimili causa tactum visumque moveri.

230

nunc igitur si quadratum temptamus et id nos  
commovet in tenebris, in luci quae poterit res  
accidere ad speciem quadrata, nisi eius imago?  
esse in imaginibus quapropter causa videtur  
cernundi neque posse sine his res ulla videri.  
nunc ea quae dico rerum simulacra feruntur  
undique et in cunctas iaciuntur didita partis;      235  
verum nos oculis quia solis cernere quimus,  
propterea fit uti, speciem quo vertimus, omnes  
res ibi eam contra feriant forma atque colore.  
et quantum quaeque ab nobis res absit, imago

240

216 *mira. mitti* Lach.; but Lucr. is here speaking not simply of the emission of images, but of their enormous velocity. I therefore keep *mira*, and suppose with Purmann Jahn's Jahrb. vol. 67 p. 676 and Goebel obs. Lucret. p. 25 that a verse is lost.      218 *fluent* Lamb. rightly, as vi 924, for *fluant*. This and the ten following verses, which are repeated in the sixth book, were undoubtedly read in the fourth by Gellius and Nonius. There is no question therefore that Lucr. or his editor placed them here; there is just as little question that they are much more appropriate in vi than here. [219 *ut*. See n. to vi 925.]      229 is ejected by Lach. here and in the sixth book: it must I think be retained in both places; for to say that we always perceive all things is a simple absurdity: we always have sensation, and may at any time, *if we please*, exert the sense of sight smell hearing: again *Perpetuo...et omnia semper* would be an intolerable tautology.      240 *didita* Pont. Mar. Ald. 1 Junt.

efficit ut videamus et internoscere curat; 245  
 nam cum mittitur, extemps protrudit agitque  
 aera qui inter se cumque est oculosque locatus,  
 isque ita per nostras acies perlabitur omnis  
 et quasi perterget pupillas atque ita transit.  
 251 propterea fit uti videamus quam procul absit 250  
 250 res quaeque. et quanto plus aeris ante agitatur  
 et nostros oculos perterget longior aura,  
 tam procul esse magis res quaeque remota videtur.  
 scilicet haec summe celeri ratione geruntur,  
 quale sit ut videamus et una quam procul absit. 255  
 illud in his rebus minime mirabile habendumst,  
 cur, ea quae feriant oculos simulacula videri  
 singula cum nequeant, res ipsae perspiciantur.  
 ventus enim quoque paulatim cum verberat et cum  
 261 acre fluit frigus, non privam quamque solemus 260  
 260 particulam venti sentire et frigoris eius,  
 sed magis unorsum, fierique perinde videmus  
 corpore tum plagas in nostro tamquam aliquae res  
 verberet atque sui det sensum corporis extra.  
 praeterea lapidem digito cum tundimus, ipsum 265  
 tangimus extremum saxi summumque colorem,  
 nec sentimus eum tactu, verum magis ipsam  
 duritiem penitus saxi sentimus in alto.  
 Nunc age, cur ultra speculum videatur imago  
 percipe; nam certe penitus semota videtur. 270  
 quod genus illa foris quae vere transpiciuntur,  
 ianua cum per se transpectum praebet apertum,  
 multa facitque foris ex aedibus ut videantur.  
 is quoque enim dupli geminoque fit aere visus.

for dedita. 245 *curat.* cogit Lach. because, with *curat, internoscere* would stand he says for an accusative, and in that case Lucr. would make it govern another accusative, though he allows that Ennius does not observe such a law, as in *audere repressit*: a somewhat far-fetched distinction: see notes 2. 246 *protrudit* Lamb. for *protudit*: so 280 *procudit* Flor. 31 Camb. etc. Flor. 29 reads with Nicc. *protulit*: Politian in marg. has *protudit*; in 187 he wrote *tr.* over the *c* of *cuduntur*. 250 and 251, 260 and 261: Mar. Ald. 1 Junt. first have these verses in their right order. 260 *privam* Gif. for *primam*; 'ex v. c.' he says. 267 *ipsam* Nicc. B corr. for *ipsa*. 270 *semota* Mar. Ald. 1 Junt. for *remota*: so 288. *remotta* B, which may be right. 271 and 278 *quae vere transpiciuntur*. Lach. possessed by his theory of *quod genus* (see II 194) without any authority reads

primus enim citra postes tum cernitur aer, 275  
 inde fores ipsae dextra laevaque secuntur,  
 post extraria lux oculos perterget et aer  
 alter et illa foris quae vere transpiciuntur.  
 sic ubi se primum speculi proiecit imago,  
 dum venit ad nostras acies, protrudit agitque 280  
 aera qui inter se cumquest oculosque locatus,  
 et facit ut prius hunc omnem sentire queamus  
 quam speculum. sed ubi speculum quoque sensimus ipsum,  
 continuo a nobis in *idem* quae fertur imago  
 pervenit et nostros oculos reiecta revisit 285  
 atque alium prae se propellens aera volvit  
 et facit ut prius hunc quam se videamus, eoque  
 distare ab speculo tantum semota videtur.  
 quare etiam atque etiam minime mirarier est par,  
 illuc quor reddant speculorum ex aequore visum, 290  
 aeribus binis quoniam res confit utraque.  
 nunc ea quae nobis membrorum dextera pars est,  
 in speculis fit ut in laeva videatur eo quod  
 planitiem ad speculi veniens cum offendit imago,  
 non convertitur incolumis, sed recta retrorsum 295  
 sic eliditur, ut si quis, prius arida quam sit  
 cretea persona, adlidat pilaeve trabive,  
 atque ea continuo rectam si fronte figuram  
 323 servet et elisam retro sese exprimat ipsa.

*sunt, bene for vere, and ruins the argument.* 275 *tum cernitur. cum Nicc.*  
*Flor. 31 Camb. etc. which has caused much confusion in the eds. before Lach.*

277 *perterget* Lamb. first for *perteget*: (so *perteget* AB in 249; but there *perterget* Nicc.) *pertinget* Nicc. and so all before Lamb. 283 *ubi speculum* Mar. Junt. for *ubi in speculum*. 284 *in idem* Ed. for *in eum*: *id* was absorbed by *in*, and *em* was then changed to *eum*: *in* was lost after *id* in IV 1037. *iterum* Lach.

290 *Ilic quor reddant* Ed. for *Illis quae reddunt*. Lach. puts this verse after 270, where it is quite out of place: from 107 it is manifest that the images, not the real things, 'reddunt speculorum ex aequore visum'. Lamb. and Creech think 289—291 spurious: Wak. as usual sees no difficulty in the ms. reading and boldly calls in the Pythagoreans to the rescue. 299—347 (323—347 299—322) were first placed in their proper order by Lamb. after B corr. This is one of the main passages which enabled Lach. so acutely to determine the number of lines in a page of the lost archetype of all our mss. These 49 verses+three headings amount to fifty-two or twice twenty-six; that is to say the original ms. had twenty-six lines in a page, and by some chance one leaf, the 76th, had its pages inverted; hence the transposition: see introduction p. 27. The marg. of Flor. 29 in the writing of

- fiet ita, ante oculus fuerit qui dexter, ut idem 300  
 325 nunc sit laevus, et e laevo sit mutua dexter.  
 fit quoque de speculo in speculum ut tradatur imago,  
 quinque etiam sexve ut fieri simulacra suerint.  
 nam quaecumque retro parte interiore latebunt,  
 inde tamen, quamvis torte penitusque remota, 305  
 330 omnia per flexos aditus educta licebit  
 pluribus haec speculis videantur in aedibus esse.  
 usque adeo speculo in speculum translucet imago,  
 et cum laeva data est, fit russum ut dextera fiat,  
 inde retro rursum redit et convertitur eodem. 310  
 335 quin etiam quaecumque latuscula sunt speculatorum  
 adsimili lateris flexura praedita nostri,  
 dextera ea propter nobis simulacra remittunt,  
 aut quia de speculo in speculum transfertur imago,  
 inde ad nos elisa bis advolat, aut etiam quod 315  
 340 circum agitur, cum venit, imago propterea quod  
 flexa figura docet speculi convertier ad nos.  
 indulgredi porro pariter simulacra pedemque  
 ponere nobiscum credas gestumque imitari  
 propterea quia, de speculi qua parte recedas, 320  
 345 continuo nequeunt illinc simulacra reverti;  
 omnia quandoquidem cogit natura referri  
 ac resilire ab rebus ad aequos redditum flexus.  
 299 Splendida porro oculi fugitant vitantque tueri.  
 sol etiam caecat, contra si tendere pergas, 325  
 propterea quia vis magnast ipsius et alte  
 aera per purum graviter simulacra feruntur  
 et feriunt oculos turbantia composituras.  
 praeterea splendor quicumque est acer adurit  
 305 saepe oculos ideo quod semina possidet ignis  
 multa, dolorem oculis quae gignunt insinuando. 330

Politian apparently, and Mar. give the same order as the Junt. viz. 298 323—325  
 299—322 348—352 326—341 353—363 342—347 364 of the ms. order, or that on the  
 left of my edition. 299 *et elisam* B corr. Flor. 31 Camb. for *et lisam*. 300  
*Fiet ita, ante* Lach. for *Fiet ut ante*. *Fiet ut...hic idem* Mar. Ald. 1 Junt. 303  
*sexve* Mar. Junt. for *sex*. *aut sex* Lach. 304 *latebunt* Mar. Ald. 1 Junt. for  
*latebit*. 310 *convertitur* Lach. for *convertit*: see 295 and 317. *retrorsum* A  
 corr. B for *retro rursum* has caused much confusion in old eds. 318 *porro pariter*  
 A Nicc. Flor. 31 Camb. etc. *pariter porro* B. Mon. 321 *nequeunt*. *nequeant* A

- lurida praeterea fiunt quaecumque tuentur  
arquati, quia luroris de corpore eorum  
semina multa fluunt simulacris obvia rerum,  
310 multaque sunt oculis in eorum denique mixta,  
quae contagie sua palloribus omnia pingunt.  
e tenebris autem quae sunt in luce tuemur  
propterea quia, cum propior caliginis aer  
ater init oculos prior et possedit apertos,  
315 insequitur candens confestim lucidus aer  
qui quasi purgat eos ac nigras discutit umbras  
aeris illius; nam multis partibus hic est  
mobilior multisque minutior et mage pollens.  
qui simul atque vias oculorum luce replevit  
320 atque patefecit quas ante obsederat aer  
ater, continuo rerum simulacula secuntur  
quae sita sunt in luce, lacesuntque ut videamus.  
348 quod contra facere in tenebris e luce nequimus  
propterea quia posterior caliginis aer  
crassior insequitur qui cuncta foramina complet  
obsiditque vias oculorum, ne simulacula  
possint ullarum rerum coniecta movere.  
quadratasque procul turris cum cernimus urbis,  
propterea fit uti videantur saepe rutundae,  
angulus optusus quia longe cernitur omnis  
sive etiam potius non cernitur ac perit eius  
plaga nec ad nostras acies perlabitur ictus,  
aera per multum quia dum simulacula feruntur,  
cogit hebescere eum crebris offensibus aer.  
hoc ubi suffugit sensum simul angulus omnis,  
fit quasi ut ad tornum saxorum structa terantur;  
non tamen ut coram quae sunt vereque rutunda,

Nicc. wrongly. 342 *illius* Flor. 31 Camb. Ver. Ven. Mar. for *ullius*. 345  
 346 *aer* Bern. for *Ater*. *ater*, *Aera* Lach., *ater* Continuo r. s. *adaperta* s.  
*Flor.* 31 Camb. vulg. without meaning. 351 *que vias* B corr. *Flor.* 31  
*Camb.* Mar. for *quia*. 352 *coniecta* Mar. Ald. 1 Junt. for *conecta*. *movere*  
*Bentl.* rightly for *moveri*. 357 *acies* Nicc. B corr. for *ates*. *perlabitur* Lamb.  
 ed. 3 first for *deriabitur*; from whom Gif. ed. 2 took it without acknowledgment.  
*derivabitur* Nicc. *delabitur* Avanc. *illabitur* Mar. Junt. *adlabitur* Lamb. ed. 1  
 and 2. *arlabitur* Gif. ed. 1. 361 *tornum* *Flor.* 31 2 *Vat. Brix.* Mar. for *turnum*.  
*tortum* Camb. *terantur* Ed. for *tuantur*. *tuamur* Lach., but *ad tornum* has no sense  
 or construction with *tuantur* or *tuamur*, as Lamb. saw, who reads *tornata ut* for *ad*

sed quasi adumbratim paulum simulata videntur.  
 umbra videtur item nobis in sole moveri  
 et vestigia nostra sequi gestumque imitari;  
 aera si credis privatum lumine posse  
 indulgredi, motus hominum gestumque sequentem;  
 nam nil esse potest aliut nisi lumine cassus  
 aer id quod nos umbram perhibere suëmus.

nimirum quia terra locis ex ordine certis  
 lumine privatur solis quacumque meantes  
 officimus, repletur item quod liquimus eius,  
 propterea fit uti videatur, quae fuit umbra  
 corporis, e regione eadem nos usque secuta.  
 semper enim nova se radiorum lumina fundunt  
 primaque dispereunt, quasi in ignem lana trahatur.  
 propterea facile et spoliatur lumine terra  
 et repletur item nigrasque sibi abluit umbras.

Nec tamen hic oculos falli concedimus hilum.  
 nam quocumque loco sit lux atque umbra tueri  
 illorum est; eadem vero sint lumina necne,  
 umbraque quae fuit hic eadem nunc transeat illuc,  
 an potius fiat paulo quod diximus ante,  
 hoc animi demum ratio discernere debet,  
 nec possunt oculi naturam noscere rerum.

proinde animi vitium hoc oculis adfingere noli.  
 qua vehimur navi, fertur, cum stare videtur;  
 quae manet in statione, ea praeter creditur ire.  
 et fugere ad puppim colles campique videntur  
 quos agimus praeter navem velisque volamus.  
 sidera cessare aetheriis adfixa cavernis  
 cuncta videntur, et adsiduo sunt omnia motu,  
 quandoquidem longos obitus exorta revisunt,  
 cum permensa suo sunt caelum corpore claro.  
 solque pari ratione manere et luna videntur  
 in statione, ea quae ferri res indicat ipsa.  
 extantisque procul medio de gurgite montis  
 classibus inter quos liber patet exitus ingens,

*tornum, a violent change.*      378 *abluit* Ver. Ven. Mar. for *adluit*.  
 videntur Lach. for *videtur*, as plur. *ea* follows. In small ed. I thought that after  
 397 a verse was lost of this nature, *Fallere saepe animum simili ratione videmus*;

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- insula coniunctis tamen ex his una videtur.  
 atria versari et circumcursare columnae 400  
 usque adeo fit uti pueris videantur, ubi ipsi  
 desierunt verti, vix ut iam credere possint  
 non supra sese ruere omnia tecta minari.  
 iamque rubrum tremulis iubar ignibus erigere alte  
 cum coeptat natura supraque extollere montes,  
 quos tibi tum supra sol montis esse videtur 405  
 comminus ipse suo contingens fervidus igni,  
 vix absunt nobis missus bis mille sagittae,  
 vix etiam cursus quingentos saepe veruti:  
 inter eos solemque iacent immania ponti  
 aequora substrata aetherii ingentibus oris,  
 interiectaque sunt terrarum milia multa  
 quae variae retinent gentes et saecla ferarum.  
 at conlectus aquae digitum non altior unum,  
 qui lapides inter sistit per strata viarum, 410  
 despectum praebet sub terras inpete tanto,  
 a terris quantum caeli patet altus hiatus;  
 nubila despicere et †caelum ut videare videre  
 corpora mirando sub terras abdita caelo.  
 denique ubi in medio nobis ecus acer obhaesit 415  
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but see notes 2. Lach. reads *Exstant usque* for *Exstantisque*. 406 *tibi tum*  
*Nauger.* first for *ubi tum*. 414 *conlectus* Lamb. for *coniectus*: see III  
 198. 418 A has properly *ut* before *videare*: *caelum* appears to have  
 come from *caeli* of 417 or *caelo* of 419: see notes 2: Flor. 31 has *mirando*;  
*Nicc. Camb. etc. miranda.* Lach. seems to have misapprehended the matter, as in  
 213 and I 1061: he reads *Ut prope miraclo* for *Corpora mirande, caeli* for *caelo*, and  
 transposes the two verses. But I have obeyed him in reading *despicere* for *despicere*,  
 as ms. authority is of little weight on such a point: comp. 421 *despeximus* AB Nicc.  
 for *desp.* Virgil's mss. both in Aen. I 224 and georg. II 187 are nearly all in favour  
 of *despicere*. Ph. Wagner philologus xv p. 352 quotes on the side of *despicere*  
 Quintil. inst. vi prooem. 4 'nullam terras *despicere* providentiam', but on referring  
 to Zumpt ed. Spald. suppl. annot. I find that the best ms. Ambros. 1, and Turic. p. m.  
 have *nulla in terras despicere*, another *terrás despicere*: this passage therefore will  
 not refute Lachmann's position that *despicere nubila* or *despicere in nubila* is 'to  
 look upon the clouds', *despicere nubila* 'to despise the clouds': comp. for the former  
 sense III 26 *quin omnia dispiciantur*; IV 421 *in rapidas annis despeximus undas*;  
 for the latter II 9 *Despicere unde queas alios*. AB on the whole support this dis-  
 tinction. Conington to Virgil l. l. keeps *despicere*; and Aen. I 224 he says that the  
 reason for the distinction fails completely: but surely the fact that the personal  
 passive *despicio* and the participle *despectus* always have the sense of being despised

flumine et in rapidas amnis despeximus undas,  
 stantis equi corpus transversum ferre videtur  
 vis et in adversum flumen contrudere raptim,  
 et quocumque oculos traiecerimus omnia ferri  
 et fluere adsimili nobis ratione videntur. 425  
 porticus aequali quamvis est denique ductu  
 stansque in perpetuum paribus suffulta columnis,  
 longa tamen parte ab summa cum tota videtur,  
 paulatim trahit angusti fastigia coni,  
 tecta solo iungens atque omnia dextera laevis 430  
 donec in obscurum coni conduxit acumen.  
 in pelago nautis ex undis ortus in undis  
 sol fit uti videatur obire et condere lumen;  
 quippe ubi nil aliud nisi aquam caelumque tuentur;  
 ne leviter credas labefactari undique sensus. 435  
 at maris ignaris in portu clauda videntur  
 navigia aplustris fractis obnitier undae.  
 nam quaecumque supra rorem salis edita pars est  
 remorum, recta est, et recta superne gubernat:  
 quae demersa liquorem obeunt, refracta videntur 440  
 omnia converti sursumque supina reverti  
 et reflexa prope in summo fluitare liquore.  
 raraque per caelum cum venti nubila portant  
 tempore nocturno, tum splendida signa videntur  
 labier adversum nimbos atque ire superne 445  
 longe aliam in partem ac vera ratione feruntur.  
 at si forte oculo manus uni subdita super  
 pressit eum, quodam sensu fit uti videantur  
 omnia quae tuimur fieri tum bina tuendo,  
 bina lucernarum florentia lumina flammis 450  
 binaque per totas aedis geminare supellex  
 et duplicitis hominum facies et corpora bina.

is some reason: to me indeed it is a conclusive one. Lamb. reads *videre et Corpora*  
*mirando s. t. a. c.* but in ed. 3 he obliterates *et* and the following verse. 421  
*despeximus* Flor. 31 Camb. Ver. Ven. Mar. for *dispeximus*. 436 *At maris* Nice.  
 B. corr. for *Amaris*. 437 *fractis* Flor. 31 Mar. for *factas*. *undae* Lach. for  
*undas*. *undis* vulg. 440 *liquorem* Lach. for *liquore*. 446 *ac vera ratione*  
 Is. Voss. in ms. notes for *aque ratione*: the scribe wrote *ra* only once: 'quidam  
 codices' says Creech: that is he had heard indirectly of Vossius' correction.  
 448 *fit uti* Mar. Junt. for *fit ut*. 456 *videmur* Mar. Ald. 1 Junt. for *videa-*

- denique cum suavi devinxit membra sopore  
somnus et in summa corpus iacet omne quiete,  
tum vigilare tamen nobis et membra movere      455  
nostra videmur, et in noctis caligine caeca  
cernere censemus solem lumenque diurnum  
conclusoque loco caelum mare flumina montis  
mutare et campos pedibus transire videmur,  
et sonitus audire, severa silentia noctis      460  
undique cum constant, et reddere dicta tacentes.  
cetera de genere hoc *miracula* multa videmus,  
quae violare fidem quasi sensibus omnia quaerunt,  
nequicquam, quoniam pars horum maxima fallit  
propter opinatus animi quos addimus ipsi,      465  
pro visis ut sint quae non sunt sensib' visa.  
nam nil aegrius est quam res secernere apertas  
ab dubiis, animus quas ab se protinus addit.
- Denique nil sciri si quis putat, id quoque nescit  
an sciri possit, quoniam nil scire fatetur.      470  
hunc igitur contra mittam contendere causam,  
qui capite ipse sua in statuit vestigia sese.  
et tamen hoc quoque uti concedam scire, at id ipsum  
quaeram, cum in rebus veri nil viderit ante,  
unde sciatur quid sit scire et nescire vicissim,      475  
notitiam veri quae res falsique crearit  
et dubium certo quae res differre probarit.  
invenies primis ab sensibus esse creatam  
notitiem veri neque sensus posse refelli.  
nam maiore fide debet reperirier illud,      480  
sponte sua veris quod possit vincere falsa.  
quid maiore fide porro quam sensus haberi  
debet? an ab sensu falso ratio orta valebit  
dicere eos contra, quae tota ab sensibus orta est?

*tur.*      460 *noctis* B corr. Flor. 31 Camb. Pont. Mar. for *montis*.      462 *miracula*  
Ed. for *mirande*: *acula* was probably absorbed in *multa* and the word completed  
from 419. *mirando* Flor. 31 Vat. 1136 Othob. Mar. for *mirande*. *miraci* Lach.  
here as 419.      467 *aegrius est*. Later mss. and old. eds. also Pont. Mar. Ald. 1  
Junt. Lamb. etc. *egregius*, absurdly.      468 *addit* A Nicc. Camb. 2 Vat. Junt.  
Creech. *abdit* B Flor. 31 3 Vat. Pont. Mar. Ald. 1 Lamb. Wak. without meaning.

471 *mittam* Mar. Ald. 1 Junt. for *mituam*.      472 *sua in statuit* Lach. for *suo in*  
*statuit*.      479 *sensus* Mar. Junt. for *sensu*.      486 *poterunt* Flor. 31 Camb. for

qui nisi sunt veri, ratio quoque falsa fit omnis. 485  
 an poterunt oculos aures reprehendere, an aures  
 tactus? an hunc porro tactum sapor arguet oris,  
 an confutabunt nares oculive revincent?  
 non, ut opinor, ita est. nam seorsum cuique potestas  
 divisast, sua vis cuiquest, ideoque necesse est 490  
 et quod molle sit et gelidum fervensve *seorsum*  
 et seorsum varios rerum sentire colores  
 et quaecumque colorib' sint coniuncta *videre*.  
 seorsus item sapor oris habet vim, seorsus odores  
 nascuntur, sorsum sonitus. ideoque necesse est 495  
 non possint alios alii convincere sensus.  
 nec porro poterunt ipsi reprehendere sese,  
 aqua fides quoniam debet semper haberet.  
 proinde quod in quoquest his visum tempore, verumst.  
 et si non poterit ratio dissolvere causam, 500  
 cur ea quae fuerint iuxtim quadrata, procul sint  
 visa rutunda, tamen praestat rationis egentem  
 reddere mendose causas utriusque figurae,  
 quam manibus manifesta suis emittere quoquam  
 et violare fidem primam et convellere tota 505  
 fundamenta quibus nixatur vita salusque.  
 non modo enim ratio ruat omnis, vita quoque ipsa  
 concidat extemplo, nisi credere sensibus ausis  
 praecepitisque locos vitare et cetera quae sint  
 in genere hoc fugienda, sequi contraria quae sint. 510  
 illa tibi est igitur verborum copia cassa  
 omnis quae contra sensus instructa paratast.  
 denique ut in fabrica, si pravast regula prima,  
 normaque si fallax rectis regionibus exit,  
 et libella aliqua si ex parti claudicat hilum, 515  
 omnia mendose fieri atque obstipa necesse est  
 prava cubantia prona supina atque absona tecta,  
 iam ruere ut quaedam videantur velle, ruantque

*poterit.* *poterint* Mar. Ver. Ven. 491 *seorsum* Bentl. for *videri*: a necessary  
 change. Lamb. here interpolates a verse. 493 *videre* Lach. for *necessest* which  
 has come from a neighbouring verse. 495 *Nascuntur* Ver. Ven. Mar. for *nas-  
 cantur*. 496 *possint* Flor. 31 Mon. Pont. Ald. 1 Junt. for *possunt*. *possent*  
 Camb. 498 *aqua* Flor. 31 Pont. Mar. Ald. 1 Junt. for *aegue*. 500 *poterit*  
 Nicc. for *poteris*. 514 *si* Nicc. B corr. for *sibi*. 517 *Prava* Mar. Ald. 1

- prodita iudiciis fallacibus omnia primis,  
sic igitur ratio tibi rerum prava necesset  
falsaque sit, falsis quaecumque ab sensibus ortast. 520
- Nunc alii sensus quo pacto quisque suam rem  
sentiat, haudquaquam ratio scruposa reicta est.
- Principio auditur sonus et vox omnis, in auris  
insinuata suo pepulere ubi corpore sensum. 525
- corpoream *vocem* quoque enim constare fatendumst  
et sonitum, quoniam possunt inpellere sensus.
- praeterea radit vox fauces saepe facitque  
asperiora foras gradiens arteria clamor.
- quippe per angustum turba maiore coorta  
ire foras ubi cooperunt primordia vocum,  
scilicet expleti quoque ianua raditur oris. 530
- haud igitur dubiumst quin voces verbaque constant  
corporeis e principiis, ut laedere possint.
- nec te fallit item quid corporis auferat et quid  
detrahatur ex hominum nervis ac viribus ipsis  
perpetuus sermo nigrai noctis ad umbram  
aurorae perductus ab exidente nitore,  
praesertim si cum summost clamore profusus. 535
- ergo corpoream vocem constare necesset,  
multa loquens quoniam amittit de corpore partem.
- 551 asperitas autem vocis fit ab asperitate  
principiorum et item levore creatur.
- 542 nec simili penetrant auris primordia forma,  
cum tuba depresso graviter sub murmure mugit 545  
et reboat raucum regio cito barbara bombum,

Junt. for *parva*. 526 *vocem* om. AB Nicc. : rightly inserted by Lach. before  
*quoque enim*: Flor. 31 Camb. vulg. place it after. 528 *Praeterea radit* A and  
Gellius x 26, one Vat. Pont. Avanc. rightly. *Propterea radit* B. *Praeter radit* Nicc.  
one Vat. Ver. Ven. whence *Praeter radit enim* Flor. 31 Camb. 3 Vat. Brix. Mar.  
Nauger. vulg. *Praeter enim radit* Junt. 532 *expleti* Lach. for *expletis*, thus  
simply healing a desperate passage. *raditur* B Politian in marg. Flor. 29: (*creditur*  
in text). *reditur* A Nicc.; hence *redditur* Flor. 31 Camb. vulg. and to give a mean-  
ing to the passage, Mar. Junt. add a verse *Rauca viis, et iter laedit, qua vox it in*  
*auras*; Avanc. taking *oris* as a plur. thus *Rauca suis et iter reddit qua vox it in*  
*auras*. 542 543 (551 552) rightly placed here by Lamb. first. 543 *levo*  
*letiore* AB. *levis levore* Mar. Ald. 1 Junt. *laevor laevore* Lamb. 545 *murmure*  
Brix. Pont. Mar. Ald. 1 Junt. for *murmura*. 546 *Et reboat raucum regio cito*  
*barbara* Lach. for *Et reverat raucum retro cito barbara*: the older readings are

545 et validis cycni torrentibus ex Heliconis  
cum liquidam tollunt lugubri voce querellam.

Hasce igitur penitus voces cum corpore nostro  
exprimus rectoque foras emittimus ore,  
mobilis articulat verborum daedala lingua  
550 formaturaque labrorum pro parte figurat.

553 hoc ubi non longum spatiumst unde una profecta  
perveniat vox quaeque, necessest verba quoque ipsa  
plane exaudiri discernique articulatim ;  
servat enim formaturam servatque figuram.  
at si interpositum spatium sit longius aequo,  
aera per multum confundi verba necessest  
et conturbari vocem, dum transvolat auras.

ergo fit, sonitum ut possis sentire neque illam  
internoscere, verborum sententia quae sit :

usque adeo confusa venit vox inque pedita.  
praeterea verbum saepe unum perciet auris  
omnibus in populo, missum paeconis ab ore.

in multas igitur voces vox una repente  
diffugit, in privas quoniam se dividit auris  
obsignans formam verbi clarumque sonorem.  
at quae pars vocum non auris incidit ipsas,  
praeterlata perit frustra diffusa per auras.

pars solidis adlisa locis reiecta sonorem  
reddit et interdum frustratur imagine verbi.  
quae bene cum videoas, rationem reddere possis  
tute tibi atque aliis, quo pacto per loca sola

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mostly too absurd to be mentioned. *Berecynthia barbara* Is. Voss. in ms. notes and in Catullus: *Berecynthia cornua* Bentl. 547 *Et validis cycni torrentibus ex Heliconis* Is. Voss. in ms. notes for *Et validis necti tortis ex Heliconis* of A: the middle words of this line, as of the preceding, were mutilated by some accident. *Et cycni tortis convallis* Lach. *nete tortis* A corr. B. *nece tortis* Nicc.: hence a vast variety of strange readings, such as *Et gelidis cycni nocte oris* of Bern. 550 *mittimus* A corr. for *mittimus*. 551 *verborum* Lamb. for *nervorum*. 553 'lego una, unaqueaque vox perveniat. B' Bentl. for *illa*. 560 *illam*. *illa* Pont. Ald. 1 Junt. *hilum* Lamb. without cause. 563 *verbum. peditum* Nicc. and all later mss. and early eds.: hence *edictum* Mar. Ald. 1 Junt. vulg.: *peditum* came from the *pedita* of 562 catching the copyist's eye. 567 *verbi* Lach. for *verbis*: a necessary change. 568 *auris incidit. 'aureis accidit.* sic reposui, a Plauto et ceteris Latini sermonis auctoribus admonitus' Lamb.; and Lach. thinks he is probably right, as Lucr. himself v 608 uses the same construction. 570 *locis*

saxa paris formas verborum ex ordine reddant,  
 palantis comites quom montis inter opacos        575  
 quaerimus et magna dispersos voce ciemus.  
 sex etiam aut septem loca vidi reddere vocis,  
 unam cum iaceres: ita colles collibus ipsi  
 verba repulsantes iterabant docta referri.  
 haec loca capripedes satyros nymphasque tenere        580  
 finitimi fingunt et faunos esse locuntur  
 quorum noctivago strepitu ludoque iocanti  
 adfirmant volgo tacitura silentia rumpi  
 chordarumque sonos fieri dulcisque querellas,  
 tibia quas fundit digitis pulsata canentum,        585  
 et genus agricolum late sentiscere, quom Pan  
 pinea semiferi capitis velamina quassans  
 unco saepe labro calamos percurrit hiantis,  
 fistula silvestrem ne casset fundere musam.  
 cetera de genere hoc monstra ac portenta loquontur,        590  
 ne loca deserta ab divis quoque forte putentur  
 sola tenere. ideo iactant miracula dictis  
 aut aliqua ratione alia ducuntur, ut omne  
 humanum genus est avidum nimis auricularum.

Quod superest, non est mirandum qua ratione,        595  
 per loca quae nequeunt oculi res cernere apertas,  
 haec loca per voces veniant aurisque lacescant.  
 conloquium clausis foribus quoque saepe videmus,  
 nimirum quia vox per flexa foramina rerum  
 incolumis transire potest, simulacra renuntant;        600  
 perscinduntur enim, nisi recta foramina tranant,  
 qualia sunt vitrei, species qua travolat omnis.

B corr. Mar. for *lopis*. *lapis* Nicc. Lach. as I now think without sufficient reason separates *solidis adlisa* from *locis*.        577 *vocis*: see n. to 1744 *frugis*. *voces*  
 Lach. vulg.        578 *ipsi*. *ipsis* one Vat. Mon. Ver. Ven.: hence Ald. 1 Junt.  
 vulg. before Wak.        579 *docta referri* Lach. for *dicta referri*. *dicta referre* Mar.  
 Junt. vulg. *icta referre* Bentl. *icta* is also in Mon.        582 *iocanti* A corr. for  
*locanti*.        587 *velamina* Nicc. Flor. 31 Camb. Mon. vulg. for *ullamina*. *vallamina* Heins. in ms. notes, Is. Voss. in ms. notes, Wak.        590 *Cetera* Flor. 31  
 Camb. Mar. for *Petere*.        594 *nimis auricularum*. *nimi' miraclorum* Lach. after  
 Bentl.: this is now the third time he has introduced into his text the form *miraclum*,  
 which is not once found in the mss. of Luer.        598 *videmus*. *ubi demus* Lach.:  
 but *Conloquium clausis foribus videmus* = *C. cl. f. fieri v.* and is not the same thing  
 at all as *Conloquium videmus*. *Cum loquimur clausis foribus, quod saepe videmus*

praeterea partis in cunctas dividitur vox,  
 ex aliis aliae quoniam gignuntur, ubi una  
 dissuluit semel in multas exorta, quasi ignis  
 saepe solet scintilla suos se spargere in ignis.  
 ergo repletur loca vocibus, abdita retro  
 omnia quae circum fervunt sonituque centur.  
 at simulacra viis derectis omnia tendunt  
 ut sunt missa semel; quapropter cernere nemo  
 saepem ultra potis est, at voces accipere extra.  
 et tamen ipsa quoque haec, dum transit clausa *domorum*,  
 vox optunditur atque auris confusa penetrat  
 et sonitum potius quam verba audire videmur.  
 Nec, qui sentimus sucum, lingua atque palatum  
 plusculum habent in se rationis plus operaeeve.  
 principio sucum sentimus in ore, cibum cum  
 mandendo exprimimus, ceu plenam spongiam aquai  
 quis forte manu premere ac siccare coëpit.  
 inde quod exprimimus per caulas omne palati  
 diditur et rarae perplexa foramina linguae.  
 hoc ubi levia sunt manantis corpora suci,  
 suaviter attingunt et suaviter omnia tractant  
 umida linguai circum sudantia tempa.  
 at contra pungunt sensum lacerantque coorta,  
 quanto quaque magis sunt asperitate repleta.  
 deinde voluptas est e suco fine palati;

Mar. Junt.: Pont. notes *videmus* as a solecism for *audimus*. 604 *ubi una* B  
 corr. Lamb. for *ubina*. *ubi nam* Nicc. 605 *Dissuluit* B: see Plaut. miles 279  
 eds. Ritschl and Fleckeisen, Rhein. mus. n. f. viii p. 451, Corssen 1 p. 314. *Dissi-*  
*luit* A vulg. Lach. 608 *fervunt* Ed. for *fuerunt* transposing one letter: (Plaut.  
 Pseud. 840 *fervont* A, *feerunt* Z, *fervent* vulg.): *feriunt* Lach. *fuerint* Mar. Ald. 1  
 Junt. vulg. *subsunt* Bern. 611 *Saepem ultra* Bern. for *Saepe supra*. *Saepem*  
*intra* Lach. *Se supra* Pont. Ald. 1 Junt. vulg. 612 *domorum* added by Lach.  
*viarum* Flor. 31 Camb. Mar. vulg. 615 *Nec* Mar. Junt. Bentl. Lach. for *Hoc*.  
*qui*. *quis* of Mar. Junt. as Lach. says is not necessary. *Haec quis* Avanc. Lamb.  
 Creech without sense. 616 *plus operaeeve* Lach. for *plus opere*: better than *plus*  
*operaeque* or *plus operai* or *plusque operai* of others. 619 *ac siccare coëpit*. *siccare*  
*recepit* Mar., *capessit* Pont. *exsiccareque coepit* Avanc. in Ald. 1 Lamb. etc.; but at  
 end of his Catullus Avanc. recalls this and says 'ac siccare coëpit per diaeresin'.  
 621 *perplexa*. 'in Faern. neque *perplexa* neque *per plexa*, sed *per flexa*' Lamb.,  
 and so Mon. rightly perhaps; for Luer. elsewhere applies *perplexa* only to the en-  
 tangled atoms, never to the passages of things; yet Virgil has *perplexum iter omne*  
*revolvens*. 622 *manantis* Pont. Junt. for *manantes*. 624 *sudantia*. *sidentia*

- cum vero deorsum per fauces praecipitavit,  
nulla voluptas est, dum diditur omnis in artus.  
nec refert quicquam quo victu corpus alatur,  
dummodo quod capias concoctum didere possis  
artibus et stomachi umidulum servare tenorem. 630
- Nunc aliis alias qui sit cibu' suavis et almus  
expediam, quareve, aliis quod triste et amarumst,  
hoc tamen esse aliis possit perdulce videri,  
tantaque *in* his rebus distantia differitasque, 635  
ut quod ali cibus est aliis fuat acre venenum,  
extetque ut serpens, hominis quae tacta salivis  
disperit ac sese mandendo conficit ipsa.  
praeterea nobis veratrum est acre venenum,  
at capris adipes et coturnicibus auget. 640
- ut quibus id fiat rebus cognoscere possis,  
principio meminisse decet quae diximus ante,  
semina multimodis in rebus mixta teneri.  
porro omnes quaecumque cibum capiunt animantes, 645  
ut sunt dissimiles extrinsecus et generatim  
extima membrorum circumcaesura coercet,  
proinde et seminibus constant variante figura.  
semina cum porro distent, differre necesset  
intervalla viasque, foramina quae perhibemus,  
omnibus in membris et in ore ipsoque palato. 650  
esse minora igitur quaedam maioraque debent,  
esse triquetra aliis, aliis quadrata necesset,  
multa rutunda, modis multis multangula quaedam.  
namque figurarum ratio ut motusque reposcunt,  
proinde foraminibus debent differre figurae, 655

Lach. an elegant, but not I think necessary, change. 627 *fine.* *in fine* Lamb.  
etc. wrongly. 631 *possis* Flor. 31 Camb. Mon. Ver. Ven. for *posses*. 632  
*umidulum* Lach. for *umidum*. *humectum* Pont. Mar. Ald. 1 Junt. vulg. 633  
*cibu' suavis et almus* Ed. for *cibus ut videamus*: see Camb. Journ. of phil. 1 p. 41:  
for *almus* perhaps *aptus* with Lach. *cibus unicus aptus* Lach.; but *unicus* is not at  
all appropriate. 636 *in* added by Nonius p. 95, and *est* at end of verse rightly  
om. by the same. 637 *ali* Lach. for *aliis*. 638 *Extetque ut serpens* Ed.  
for *Est itaque ut serpens*: vi 690 *Fert itaque* mss. for *Fert itaque*. *Est aliquae ut*  
*serpens* Lach. *Est utique ut s.* Mar. Junt. Lamb. ed. 3. *Saepe etenim s.* ed. 1 and  
2. 641 *coturn. cocturn. A. quod turn. B.* 642 *Ut quibus id* Lamb. ed. 2  
and 3 for *Id quibus ut*. 648 *et.* ex Mon. Junt. Lamb. ed. 1 and 2, Lach. but  
*et Mar. constant variante figura* Lach. for *constant variantque figura*. *distant vari-*

et variare viae proinde ac textura coerget.  
 hoc ubi quod suave est aliis aliis fit amarum,  
 illi, cui suave est, levissima corpora debent  
 contractabiliter caulas intrare palati, 660  
 at contra quibus est eadem res intus acerba,  
 aspera nimirum penetrant hamataque fauces.  
 nunc facile est ex his rebus cognoscere quaeque.  
 quippe ubi cui febris bili superante coorta est  
 aut alia ratione aliquast vis excita morbi, 665  
 perturbatur ibi iam totum corpus et omnes  
 commutantur ibi positurae principiorum ;  
 fit prius ad sensum *ut* quae corpora conveniebant  
 nunc non convenient, et cetera sint magis apta,  
 quae penetrata queunt sensum progignere acerbum ; 670  
 utraque enim sunt in mellis commixta sapore ;  
 id quod iam supera tibi saepe ostendimus ante.

Nunc age quo pacto naris adiectus odoris  
 tangat agam. primum res multas esse necessest  
 unde fluens volvat varius se fluctus odorum,  
 et fluere et mitti volgo spargique putandumst; 675  
 verum aliis alius magis est animantibus aptus  
 dissimilis propter formas. ideoque per auras  
 mellis apes quamvis longe ducuntur odore,  
 volturiique cadaveribus. tum fissa ferarum  
 ungula quo tulerit gressum promissa canum vis  
 dicit, et humanum longe praesentit odorem  
 Romulidarum arcis servator candidus anser.  
 sic aliis alius nidor datus ad sua quemque  
 pabula dicit et a taetro resilire veneno 685  
 cogit, eoque modo servantur saecla ferarum.

Hic odor ipse igitur, naris quicumque lacescit,  
 est alio *ut* possit permitti longius alter ;  
 sed tamen haud quisquam tam longe fertur eorum  
 quam sonitus, quam vox, mitto iam dicere quam res 690

*antque figura* Lamb. ed. 3. 668 *ut* added by Flor. 31 Camb. Mar. *Ut* Lach.  
 for *Fit*. 671 672 Lach. places after 662. Bernays supposes some verses to  
 have been lost before them; I followed him in my small ed. but now believe there is  
 no hiatus: see notes 2. 680 *Volturiique* Pont. Ald. 1 for *Volturique*. *Vul-*  
*turiique* Mar. Junt. 681 *promissa*. *permissa* Gronov. Lach. ‘*missa v.* [not A  
 or B] i.e. *permissa* i.e. *immissa*, *concitata*’ Is. Voss. in ms. notes. 682 *Dicit*.

quae feriunt oculorum acies visumque lacesunt.  
errabundus enim tarde venit ac perit ante  
paulatim facilis distractus in aeris auras;  
ex alto primum quia vix emititur ex re:  
nam penitus fluere atque recedere rebus odores  
significat quod fracta magis redolere videntur  
omnia, quod contrita, quod igni conlabefacta:  
deinde videre licet maioribus esse creatum  
principiis quam vox, quoniam per saxea saepa  
non penetrat, qua vox volgo sonitusque feruntur.  
quare etiam quod olet non tam facile esse videbis  
investigare in qua sit regione locatum;  
refrigescit enim cunctando plaga per auras  
nec calida ad sensum decurrunt nuntia rerum.  
errant saepe canes itaque et vestigia quaerunt.

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[Nec tamen hoc solis in odoribus atque saporum  
in generest, sed item species rerum atque colores  
non ita conveniunt ad sensus omnibus omnes,  
ut non sint aliis quaedam magis acria visu.  
quin etiam gallum, noctem explaudentibus alis  
auroram clara consuetum voce vocare,  
noenu queunt rabidi contra constare leones  
inque tueri: ita continuo meminere fugai,  
nimirum quia sunt gallorum in corpore quaedam  
semina, quae cum sunt oculis immissa leonum,  
pupillas interfodiunt acremque dolorem  
praebent, ut nequeant contra durare feroce;  
cum tamen haec nostras acies nil laedere possint,  
aut quia non penetrant aut quod penetrantibus illis  
exitus ex oculis liber datur, in remorando  
laedere ne possint ex ulla lumina parte.]

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Nunc age quae moveant animum res accipe, et unde  
quae veniunt veniant in mentem percipe paucis.  
principio hoc dico, rerum simulacra vagari  
multa modis multis in cunctas undique partis  
tenvia, quae facile inter se iunguntur in auris,  
obvia cum veniunt, ut aranea bratteaque auri.

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quippe etenim multo magis haec sunt tenvia textu  
 quam quae percipiunt oculos visumque lacescant,  
 corporis haec quoniam penetrant per rara cinctaque  
 tenvem animi naturam intus sensumque lacescant. 730  
 Centauros itaque et Scyllarum membra videmus  
 Cerbereasque canum facies simulacrae eorum  
 quorum morte obita tellus amplectitur ossa;  
 omne genus quoniam passim simulacra feruntur,  
 partim sponte sua quae fiunt aere in ipso,  
 partim quae variis ab rebus cumque recedunt  
 et quae confiunt ex horum facta figuris.  
 nam certe ex vivo Centauri non fit imago,  
 nulla fuit quoniam talis natura animantis; 735  
 verum ubi equi atque hominis casu convenit imago,  
 haerescit facile extemplo, quod diximus ante,  
 propter subtilem naturam et tenvia texta.  
 cetera de genere hoc eadem ratione creantur.  
 quae cum mobiliter summa levitate feruntur,  
 ut prius ostendi, facile uno commovet iectu  
 quaelibet una animum nobis subtilis imago;  
 tenuis enim mens est et mire mobilis ipsa.

Haec fieri ut memoro, facile hinc cognoscere possis.  
 quatenus hoc simile est illi, quod mente videmus 750  
 atque oculis, simili fieri ratione necesse est.  
 nunc igitur docui quoniam me forte leonem  
 cernere per simulacra, oculos quaecumque lacescant,  
 scire licet mentem simili ratione moveri,  
 per simulacra leonem et cetera quae videt aequa 755  
 nec minus atque oculi, nisi quod mage tenvia cernit.  
 nec ratione alia, cum somnus membra profudit,

*illis* B corr. for *ilus*: ? *ibus*. 727 *brattea* AB, not *bractea*: so mss. of Virg. Aen. vi 209. 730 *per rara* Mar. Ald. 1 Junt. for *perara*. 735 *Omne genus* Mar. Junt. for *Omnigenus*. *Omnigenum* Nicc. 736 *fiunt* Mar. Ald. 1 Junt. for *fiunt* A, *fiunt* A corr. B. 740 *anima* AB, *animai* Nicc. and all before Gif. *animalis* Lamb. ed. 3 vulg. Lach. *animantis* Gif. most properly, as Luer. does not use the substantive *animal* in the singular, except v 823, where *omne animal* is equivalent to *omnia animalia*: see notes 2 there. 741 *ubi equi atque hominis casu*. *ubi equi casu atque hominis* Lach. who denies that the last syll. of an iambus is ever elided in Luer. 752 *docui quoniam*. *quoniam docui* Lamb. ed. 2 and 3, etc. and Lach. *leonem* Lach. for *leonus*. *leones* Mar. Ald. 1 Junt. vulg. 755 *leonem et cetera* Lach. for *leonus cetera*: *et* was already added by Mar. Ald. 1 and

mens animi vigilat, nisi quod simulacra lacesunt  
haec eadem nostros animos quae cum vigilamus,  
usque adeo, certe ut videamur cernere eum quem  
relicta vita iam mors et terra potitast.

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hoc ideo fieri cogit natura, quod omnes  
corporis effecti sensus per membra quiescunt  
nec possunt falsum veris convincere rebus.  
praeterea meminisse iacet languetque sopore  
nec dissentit eum mortis letique potitum  
iam pridem, quem mens vivom se cernere credit.  
quod superest, non est mirum simulacra moveri  
brachiaque in numerum iactare et cetera membra;  
nam fit ut in somnis facere hoc videatur imago;  
quippe ubi prima perit alioque est altera nata  
inde statu, prior hic gestum mutasse videtur.  
scilicet id fieri celeri ratione putandumst:  
tanta est mobilitas et rerum copia tanta  
tantaque sensibili quovis est tempore in uno  
copia particularum, ut possit suppeditare.

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[Multaque in his rebus quaeruntur multaque nobis

clarandumst, plane si res exponere avemus.

quaeritur in primis quare, quod cuique libido

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venerit, exemplo mens cogitet eius id ipsum.

anne voluntatem nostram simulacra tuentur

et simul ac volumus nobis occurrit imago,

si mare, si terrast cordi, si denique caelum?

conventus hominum pompam convivia pugnas,

omnia sub verbone creat natura paratque?

785

cum praesertim aliis eadem in regione locoque

longe dissimilis animus res cogitet omnis.

quid porro, in numerum procedere cum simulaera

cernimus in somnis et mollia membra movere,

mollia mobiliter cum alternis bracchia mittunt

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et repetunt oculis gestum pede convenienti?

Junt.: Lamb. Creech Wak. all blunder sadly here.

761 *Relicta vita* Bern.

for *Reddita vita*, and before him Is. Voss. in ms. notes ‘*Relicta vita*, malim tamen *Reddita media producta* ut Salmasius’. *Reddita pro v.* Lach. 783 *si terrast cordi* Ed. for *si terram cordist.* [ *si terra est cordi* Pont. before me, as I now find.] The frequency with which our mss. thus transpose this *st* is very remarkable: see Lach. to II 275 who cites ten instances: so 799, the repe-

scilicet arte madent simulacra et docta vagantur,  
nocturno facere ut possint in tempore ludos.  
an magis illud erit verum? quia tempore in uno,  
cum sentimus id, et cum vox emititur una, 795  
tempora multa latent, ratio quae comperit esse,  
propterea fit uti quovis in tempore quaeque  
praesto sint simulacra locis in quisque parata.  
et quia tenvia sunt, nisi quae contendit, acute 802  
cernere non potis est animus; proinde omnia quae sunt  
praeterea pereunt, nisi siquae ad se ipse paravit.  
ipse parat sese porro speratque futurum 805  
ut videat quod consequitur rem quamque; fit ergo.  
nonne vides oculos etiam, cum tenvia quae sunt  
cernere coeperunt, contendere se atque parare,  
nec sine eo fieri posse ut cernamus acute? 810  
et tamen in rebus quoque apertis noscere possis,  
si non advertas animum, proinde esse quasi omni  
tempore semotum fuerit longeque remotum.  
cur igitur mirumst, animus si cetera perdit  
praeterquam quibus est in rebus deditus ipse? 815  
deinde adopinamur de signis maxima parvis  
ac nos in fraudem induimus frustaminis ipsi.]

Fit quoque ut interdum non suppeditetur imago  
eiusdem generis, sed femina quae fuit ante,  
in manibus vir uti factus videatur adesse, 820  
aut alia ex alia facies aetasque sequatur.

826 quod ne miremur sopor atque oblivia curant.  
822 [Illud in his rebus vitium vementer avessis

tition of 774, has *Tanta mobilitast.* *si terra est, si cordi* Junt. 791 *repetunt.*  
*referunt Lach.* 795 *Cum sentimus id, et cum* Ed. for *Consentimus id est cum:* a  
slight and necessary alteration. Lamb. and Lach. in vain declare the verse to be  
out of place: the latter puts it, thus altered *Quod sentimus, id est?* cet., before 783,  
where it sadly involves the construction. 798 *sint* Flor. 31 Camb. Pont. Mar.  
for *sin B, in A Nicc.* *locis* Flor. 31 and Candidus at end of Junt. for *locos.*

799 800 801=774 771 772: an evident gloss here. Lamb. retains the first and  
rejects the two last; while he wrongly obelises the whole three in their former place,  
where they cannot be dispensed with. 802 *nisi quae contendit.* *nisi se con-*  
*tendit* Lamb. prompted he says by 809, and Lach.: but see notes 2. 804 *nisi*  
*si quae ad se ipse* Lach. for *nisi que ex se ipse.* *nisi sic sese ipse* Lamb. 805  
*futurum* Pont. Junt. for *futuram.* 808=804. 815 *Praeterquam Avanc.*  
for *Praeterea quam.* 818 *non* Brix. Pont. Mar. for *nos.* 820 *vir uti B*  
*corr.* Flor. 31 Camb. Mar. for *virtuti.* *vir tunc* Nicc. *vir tum* Lamb. etc. 822

effugere, errorem vitareque praemetuenter,  
lumina ne facias oculorum clara creata, 825      825

prospicere ut possemus, et ut proferre queamus  
proceros passus, ideo fastigia posse  
surarum ac feminum pedibus fundata plicari,  
brachia tum porro validis ex apta lacertis  
esse manusque datus utraque *ex* parte ministras,  
ut facere ad vitam possemus quae foret usus. 830

cetera de genere hoc inter quacumque pretantur,  
omnia perversa praepostera sunt ratione,  
nil ideo quoniam natumst in corpore ut uti  
possemus, sed quod natumst id procreat usum, 835

nec fuit ante videre oculorum lumina nata  
nec dictis orare prius quam lingua creatast,  
sed potius longe linguae praecessit origo  
sermonem multoque creatae sunt prius aures  
quam sonus est auditus, et omnia denique membra 840

ante fuere, ut opinor, eorum quam foret usus;  
haud igitur potuere utendi crescere causa.  
at contra conferre manu certamina pugnae  
et lacerare artus foedareque membra cruento  
ante fuit multo quam lucida tela volarent, 845

et volnus vitare prius natura coegit  
quam daret obiectum parmai laeva per artem.  
scilicet et fessum corpus mandare quieti  
multo antiquius est quam lecti mollia strata,  
et sedare sitim prius est quam pocula natum. 850

haec igitur possunt utendi cognita causa

(826) brought here by B corr. Mar. Ald. 1 Junt.

823 *avessis* Ed. for *inesse*:

p. 171 of the archetype, the terminations of the lines therefore being towards the outer margin, ended with 827: by some chance then *s* the last letter of this line, and the three last, *mus*, of 826 were lost; *avessi* was then changed to *inesse*, *quea* to *via*. *vitium vementer rebu' necessest* Lach.: a violent alteration. *inesto* Mar. Ald. 1 Junt. Gronov. *avemus Te effugere* Bern. 824 *errorem vitareque* B corr. Avanc. for *errore multareque*. *errore multas que premeditentur* Flor. 31 Camb. one Vat. corruptly for *e. v. praemetuenter* (*praemetuentur* A): this has led to further corruptions by Mar. Junt. Lamb. etc. 826 *possemus* Lach. for *possimus*, as the usage of Lucr. requires. *queamus* Lach. for *via*: see above to 823: the vulg. *viai* has no sense. 827 *fastigia*. *suffragia* Pont. 830 *ex* added by Lach. *a* Mar. Ald. 1 Junt. vulg. 836 *nata*. *natum* Lach. as in 850: but as *nata* gives a good sense, I have retained it: it seems to me more elegant than the other.

credier, ex usu quae sunt vitaque reperta.  
 illa quidem seorsum sunt omnia quae prius ipsa  
 nata dedere suae post notitiam utilitatis.  
 quo genere in primis sensus et membra videmus; 855  
 quare etiam atque etiam procul est ut credere possis  
 utilitatis ob officium potuisse creari.]

[Illud item non est mirandum, corporis ipsa  
 quod natura cibum quaerit cuiusque animantis.  
 quippe etenim fluere atque recedere corpora rebus 860  
 multa modis multis docui, sed plurima debent  
 ex animalibu'. *quae* quia sunt exercita motu,  
 multaque per sudorem ex alto pressa feruuntur,  
 multa per os exhalantur, cum languida anhelant,  
 his igitur rebus rarescit corpus et omnis 865  
 subruitur natura; dolor quam consequitur rem.  
 propterea capitur cibus ut suffulciat artus  
 et recreet vires interdatus atque patentem  
 per membra ac venas ut amorem opturet edendi.  
 umor item discedit in omnia quae loca cumque 870  
 poscunt umorem; glomerataque multa vaporis  
 corpora, quae stomacho praebent incendia nostro,  
 dissupat adveniens liquor ac restinguunt ut ignem,  
 urere ne possit calor amplius aridus artus.  
 sic igitur tibi anhela sitis de corpore nostro 875  
 abluitur, sic expletur iejuna cupido.]

Nunc qui fiat uti passus proferre queamus,  
 cum volumus, varieque datum sit membra movere,  
 et quae res tantum hoc oneris protrudere nostri  
 corporis insuerit, dicam: tu percipe dicta. 880  
 dico animo nostro primum simulacra meandi  
 accidere atque animum pulsare, ut diximus ante.  
 inde voluntas fit; neque enim facere incipit ullam  
 rem quisquam, quam mens providit quid velit ante.  
 id quod providet, illius rei constat imago. 885

862 *quae quia* Lach. for *quia*. *et quia* Vat. 3276 Brix. Pont. *haec quia* Wak.  
*his, quia* Ald. 1 Junt. *his quae* Mar. *iis, quae* Lamb. 863 foll.: by a better  
 stopping I have made the passage quite clear: the apodosis of the sentence begins  
 with *His igitur*. Lach. inverts 863 and 864. Comp. 203. 877 *fiat* Camb.  
 Brix. Pont. Mar. for *flat*. 878 *varieque* Ver. Ven. Mar. for *vareque*.

884 *quisquam quam* Brix. Mar. for *quis quam*. 885 *Id quod.* *At, quod*

ergo animus cum sese ita commovet ut velit ire  
inque gredi, ferit extempro quae in corpore toto  
per membra atque artus animai dissita vis est.  
et facilest factu, quoniam coniuncta tenetur.

inde ea proporro corpus ferit, atque ita tota  
paulatim moles protruditur atque movetur.  
praeterea tum rarescit quoque corpus et aer,  
scilicet ut debet qui semper mobilis extat,  
per patefacta venit penetratque foramina largus  
et dispargitur ad partis ita quasque minutus  
corporis. hic igitur rebus fit utrimque duabus,  
†corporis ut ac navis velis ventoque feratur.  
nec tamen illud in his rebus mirabile constat,  
tantula quod tantum corpus corpuscula possunt  
contorquere et onus totum convertere nostrum.  
quippe etenim ventus suptili corpore tenuis  
trudit agens magnam magno molimine navem  
et manus una regit quantovis impete euntem  
atque gubernaculum contorquet quolibet unum,  
multaque per trocleas et tympana pondere magno  
commovet atque levi sustollit machina nisu.

Nunc quibus ille modis somnus per membra quietem  
inriget atque animi curas e pectore solvat,  
suavidicis potius quam multis versibus edam;  
parvus ut est cycni melior canor, ille gruum quam 900  
clamor in aetheriis dispersus nubibus austri.  
tu mihi da tenuis aures animumque sagacem,  
ne fieri negites quae dicam posse retroque  
vera repulsanti discedas pectore dicta,  
tutimet in culpa cum sis neque cernere possis. 910  
principio somnus fit ubi est distracta per artus  
vis animae partimque foras eiecta recessit  
et partim contrusa magis concessit in altum;  
dissoluuntur enim tum demum membra fluuntque.

Lamb. Gif. Creech etc. wrongly.     *constat* Flor. 31 Mar. for *constare*.     890 ferit  
Mar. Ald. 1 Junt. for *perit*.     897 is corrupt: see notes 2. *Corpus ut ad navis*  
Ed. in ed. 2. *Aequo id ut ac navis* Bern. and Ed. in ed. 1. *Corporis ut Camb.*  
Vat. 3276: also Lach. after Muretus. *Corpus uti, ut Lamb. Creech. velis ventoque.*  
*remis ventoque* Gassendi opera II p. 506 b.     905 *pondere magno.* ‘immo pon-  
dera magna’ Lach. without good reason: comp. v 556.     915 *Tutimet* Ed. with

nam dubium non est, animai quin opera sit  
 sensus hic in nobis, quem cum sopor impedit esse,  
 tum nobis animam perturbatam esse putandumst  
 eiectamque foras; non omnem; namque iaceret  
 aeterno corpus perfusum frigore leti.

quippe ubi nulla latens animai pars remaneret  
 in membris, cinere ut multa latet obrutus ignis,  
 unde reconflii sensus per membra repente  
 posset, ut ex igni caeco consurgere flamma?

Sed quibus haec rebus novitas confiat et unde  
 perturbari anima et corpus languescere possit,  
 expediam: tu fac ne ventis verba profundam.  
 principio externa corpus de parte necessum est,  
 aeriis quoniam vicinum tangitur auris,  
 tundier atque eius crebro pulsarier ictu,  
 proptereaque fere res omnes aut corio sunt  
 aut etiam conchis aut callo aut cortice tectae.  
 interiorem etiam partem spirantibus aer  
 verberat hic idem, cum ducitur atque reflatur.

quare utrumque secus cum corpus vapulet et cum  
 perveniant plagae per parva foramina nobis  
 corporis ad primas partis elementaque prima,  
 fit quasi paulatim nobis per membra ruina.

conturbantur enim positurae principiorum  
 corporis atque animi. fit uti pars inde animai  
 eiciatur et introrsum pars abdita cedat,  
 pars etiam distracta per artus non queat esse  
 coniuncta inter se neque motu mutua fungi;  
 inter enim saepit coetus natura viasque;

ergo sensus abit mutatis motibus alte.  
 et quoniam non est quasi quod suffulciat artus,  
 debile fit corpus languescuntque omnia membra,  
 bracchia palpebraeque cadunt poplitesque cubanti

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AB Nicc. *Tutem* vulg. Lach. 928 *Posset* Lach. for *Possit*. 929 *confiat* Pont.  
 Lach. for *confiat*. *confletur* Flor. 31 Lamb. vulg. 934 *eius*. *ab ibus* Lach.:  
 but see notes 2. 944 *fit uti* AB Nicc. Flor. 31 Camb. *sicuti* Brix. *sicut* Ver.  
 Ven. *sic*, *ut* Pont. Mar. vulg. wrongly. 945 *Eiciatur* Lamb. for *Eliciatur*.

952 953, though perfectly sound, are much corrupted by Lamb. Creech vulg. Is.  
 Vossius' ms. note is worth quoting, as Haverc. and Preiger misrepresent, and con-  
 sequently Wak. and Lach. misapprehend it; 'omnino legend.: *poplitesque cubanti*

saepe tamen summittuntur virisque resolvunt.  
 deinde cibum sequitur somnus, quia, quae facit aer,  
 haec eadem cibus, in venas dum diditur omnis, 955  
 efficit. et multo sopor ille gravissimus exstat  
 quem satur aut lassus capias, quia plurima tum se  
 corpora conturbant magno contusa labore.  
 fit ratione eadem coniectus partim animai  
 altior atque foras electus largior eius,  
 et divisor inter se ac distractior in test. 960

Et quo quisque fere studio devinctus adhaeret  
 aut quibus in rebus multum sumus ante morati  
 atque in ea ratione fuit contenta magis mens,  
 in somnis eadem plerumque videmur obire; 965  
 causidici causas agere et componere leges,  
 induperatores pugnare ac proelia obire,  
 nautae contractum cum ventis degere bellum,  
 nos agere hoc autem et naturam quaerere rerum  
 semper et inventam patriis exponere chartis. 970  
 cetera sic studia atque artes plerumque videntur  
 in somnis animos hominum frustrata tenere.  
 et quicumque dies multos ex ordine ludis  
 adsiduas dederunt operas, plerumque videmus,  
 cum iam destiterunt ea sensibus usurpare, 975  
 reliquas tamen esse vias in mente patentis,  
 qua possint eadem rerum simulacra venire.  
 per multos itaque illa dies eadem obversantur  
 ante oculos, etiam vigilantes ut videantur  
 cernere saltantis et mollia membra moventis  
 et citharae liquidum carmen chordasque loquentis 980  
 auribus accipere et consessum cernere eundem  
 scenique simul varios splendere decores.

*Saepe tamae [not tama] summittuntur.* Tama quid sit docet Festus, cubantem vero tamam dixit quod deorsum ad pedes tendat. sic infra *cubantia tecta*. Idem error apud Nonium in versu Lucilii in voce *differre*, ubi pro *tama* legitur *tamen*.

959 *partim* Lach. for *parte*: comp. 918. *porro* Mar. Ald. 1 Junt. vulg. 961  
*in test* Ed. for *intus*: vi 674 *qui viisus* mss. for *quivis est*: comp. 916 and 946, and  
*capias* in 957. *actus* Lach. 962 *quo...devinctus*. *quo...defunctus* Mon. Ven.  
 Ald. 1 Junt. *quo...devinctus* Lamb. without reason. 964 *in ea*. *in qua*  
 Mar. Junt. vulg. wrongly. 968 *degere*. *cernere* Lamb. 982 *consessum*  
 Mar. Junt. for *consensum*. 983 *Scenique* Brix. (?), Pont. Ald. 1 Junt. for

- usque adeo magni refert studium atque voluptas,  
et quibus in rebus consuerint esse operati                        985  
non homines solum sed vero animalia cuncta.  
quippe videbis equos fortis, cum membra iacebunt,  
in somnis sudare tamen spirareque semper  
et quasi de palma summas contendere viris,  
aut quasi carceribus patefactis                                        990
- 999 venantumque canes in molli saepe quiete  
991 iactant crura tamen subito vocisque repente  
mittunt et crebro reducunt naribus auras,  
ut vestigia si teneant inventa ferarum,  
expergefactique secuntur inania saepe                                995
- 995 cervorum simulacula, fugae quasi dedita cernant,  
donec discussis redeant erroribus ad se.  
at consueta domi catulorum blanda propago
- 998 discutere et corpus de terra corripere instant                        999  
proinde quasi ignotas facies atque ora tuantur.  
et quo quaeque magis sunt aspera seminiorum,  
tam magis in somnis eadem saevire necessust.  
at variae fugiunt volucres pinnisque repente  
sollicitant divom nocturno tempore lucos,  
accipitres somno in leni si proelia pugnas  
edere sunt persecantes visaeque volantes.                                1010
- porro hominum mentes, magnis quae motibus edunt  
magna, itidem saepe in somnis faciuntque geruntque,  
reges expugnant, capiuntur, proelia miscent,  
tollunt clamorem quasi si iugulentur ibidem.  
multi depugnant gemitusque doloribus edunt                        1015

*Scenatque.*                        984 *voluptas* Lach. for *voluntas*.                        989 *de palma summas*  
Lamb. for *palmas*.                *palmis* A corr. Nice. all before Lamb.                        990 *saepe quiete*  
which mss. add at end has of course come from 991 (999) and supplanted the words  
of Luer. *colligere aestum* Lach. offers: *velle volare* might also do.                        991 (999)  
was brought here by Ald. 1 Junt. and by Mon., but there 998 999 (997 998) precede  
it.                        992 *vocis*: see n. to 1 744 *frugis. voces* Lach. vulg.                        996 *fugae* Mar.  
Ald. 1 Junt. first for *juga*.                        997 *redeant erroribus* Lamb. after Turnebus for  
*redeant terroribus*.                        1000—1003 are merely 992—995 repeated because of  
991 (999): see introduction p. 29.                1005 *quo. quam* Lamb. wrongly. *seminiorum. semina eorum* Lamb. ‘Marull. et vulg. semina eorum’ says Gif. and so  
Mar. changes *seminiorum* of Mon. to *semina eorum*. Junt. has rightly *seminiorum*.  
1009 *que* wrongly added by Mar. Ald. 1 Junt. vulg. at end: see II 118.                        1011  
*motibus* Mon. Pont. Ald. 1 Junt. vulg. for *montibus*. *Magna* I join with what pre-

et quasi pantherae morsu saevive leonis  
mandantur magnis clamoribus omnia complent.  
multi de magnis per somnum rebu' loquuntur  
indicioque sui facti persaepe fuere.

multi mortem obeunt. multi, de montibus altis  
ut qui praecipitent ad terram corpore toto,  
externantur et ex somno quasi mentibu' capti  
vix ad se redeunt permoti corporis aestu.

flumen item sitiens aut fontem propter amoenum  
adsidet et totum prope faucibus occupat amnem.  
puri saepe lacum propter si ac dolia curta  
somno devincti credunt se extollere vestem,

totius umorem saccatum corpori' fundunt,  
cum Babylonica magnifico splendore rigantur.  
tum quibus aetatis freta primitus insinuatur  
semen, ubi ipsa dies membris matura creavit,  
conveniunt simulacra foris e corpore quoque  
nuntia paeclarri voltus pulchrique coloris,

qui ciet irritans loca turgida semine multo,  
ut quasi transactis saepe omnibu' rebu' profundant  
fluminis ingentis fluctus vestemque cruentent.

Sollicitatur id *in nobis*, quod diximus ante,  
semen, adulta aetas cum primum roborat artus.  
namque alias aliud res commovet atque lassosit;  
ex homine humanum semen ciet una hominis vis.  
quod simul atque suis eiectum sedibus exit,  
per membra atque artus decedit corpore toto  
in loca conveniens nervorum certa cietque  
continuo partis genitalis corporis ipsas.

irritata tument loca semine fitque voluntas  
eicere id quo se contendit dira lubido,

cedes. *Magna etenim Mar. Junt. Lamb.* wrongly. *mentes, magnis qui mentibus e.*  
*M. Lach.* strangely. 1021 *Ut qui A p. m.* rightly. *Ut quasi BA corr. Nicc.*  
*Flor.* 31 Camb. all Vat. Mon. etc.: hence much confusion before Wak. *Se quasi*  
*Mar.* 1022 *Externantur* Lach. for *Exterruntur*. *Exterrentur vulg.* 1026  
*sei* Lach. for *se*: Mar. Junt. vulg. omit *se* in 1027, and 1028 insert *ut* after (*Avanc.*  
before) *saccatum*, and read *fundant* with Brix. (?) Ver. Ven. 1032 *quoque.*  
*quodam* Lach. without reason I think. 1034 *Qui Lamb.* for *Quae.* 1035  
*Ut Mar. Nauger.* for *Et.* 1036 *cruentent* Flor. 31 Camb. for *cruentet.*

1037 *id in nobis* Flor. 31 Camb. Pont. Avanc. at end of Catullus for *id nobis.*  
*id e* Lach. *idem* Brix. Ver. Ven. Avanc. in Ald. 1. 1038 *adulta* B corr.

idque petit corpus, mens unde est saucia amore.  
 namque omnes plerumque cadunt in vulnus et illam  
 emicat in partem sanguis unde icimur ictu, 1050  
 et si comminus est, hostem ruber occupat umor.  
 sic igitur Veneris qui telis accipit ictus,  
 sive puer membris muliebribus hunc iaculatur  
 seu mulier toto iactans e corpore amorem,  
 unde feritur, eo tendit gestaque coire 1055  
 et iacere umorem in corpus de corpore ductum;  
 namque voluptatem praesagit muta cupidus.

Haec Venus est nobis; hinc autem est nomen amoris,  
 hinc illaec primum Veneris dulcedinis in cor  
 stillavit gutta et successit frigida cura. 1060  
 nam si abest quod ames, praesto simulacra tamen sunt  
 illius et nomen dulce obversatur ad auris.  
 sed fugitare decet simulacra et pabula amoris  
 absterrere sibi atque alio convertere mentem  
 et iacere umorem conlectum in corpora quaeque 1065  
 nec retinere, semel conversum unius amore,  
 et servare sibi curam certumque dolorem.  
 ulcus enim vivescit et inveterascit alendo  
 inque dies gliscit furor atque aerumna gravescit,  
 si non prima novis conturbes volnera plagis 1070  
 volgivagaque vagus Venere ante recentia cures  
 aut alio possis animi traducere motus.

Nec Veneris fructu caret is qui vitat amorem,  
 sed potius quae sunt sine poena commoda sumit;  
 nam certe purast sanis magis inde voluptas 1075  
 quam miseris. etenim potiundi tempore in ipso  
 fluctuat incertis erroribus ardor amantium  
 nec constat quid primum oculis manibusque fruantur.

Mar. Ald. 1 Junt. for *advita*. 1047=1034. 1057 *muta* A Nicc.  
 Flor. 31 Camb. Mon. old eds. Junt. multa B Avanc. Nauger. Lamb. vulg.  
 before Lach. 1058 *nomen*. *momen* Lach. most unpoetically; Creech  
 more elegantly, but without necessity, *numen*: see Camb. Journ. of phil. I  
 p. 35. Lach. also in the next verse wrongly puts a stop at *illaec*. *illaec* A  
 corr. for *ille* A, *illa* B. *illace* Nicc. one Vat. *illa et* Flor. 31 Camb. 3 Vat.  
 Pont. 1060 *frigida*. *fervida* Mar. Junt. (not Nauger.) Creech. 1061  
*ames*. *aves* Lach. without necessity: see notes 2. 1065 *conlectum* (*collectum*)  
 Junt. not Pont. or Mar. for *coniectum*. *congestum* Avanc. at end of Catullus.

quod petiere, premunt arte faciuntque dolorem  
corporis et dentes inlidunt saepe labellis 1080  
osculaque adfigunt, quia non est pura voluptas  
et stimuli subsunt qui instigant laedere id ipsum  
quocumque est, rabies unde illaec germina surgunt.  
sed leviter poenas frangit Venus inter amorem  
blandaque refrenat morsus admixta voluptas. 1085  
namque in eo spes est, unde est ardoris origo,  
restingui quoque posse ab eodem corpore flammam.  
quod fieri contra totum natura repugnat;  
unaque res haec est, cuius quom plurima habemus,  
tum magis ardescit dira cuppedine pectus. 1090  
nam cibus atque umor membris adsumitur intus;  
quae quoniam certas possunt obsidere partis,  
hoc facile expletur laticum frugumque cupido.  
ex hominis vero facie pulchroque colore  
nil datur in corpus praeter simulacra fruendum 1095 ·  
tenvia; quae vento spes raptast saepe misella.  
ut bibere in somnis sitiens quom quaerit et umor  
non datur, ardorem qui membris stinguere possit,  
sed laticum simulacra petit frustraque laborat  
in medioque sitit torrenti flumine potans, 1100  
sic in amore Venus simulacris ludit amantis  
nec satiare queunt spectando corpora coram,  
nec manibus quicquam teneris abradere membris  
possunt errantes incerti corpore toto.  
denique cum membris conlatis flore fruuntur 1105

1068 *Ulcus A corr. for Vicus.* 1081 *adligunt A Nicc. Flor. 31 Camb. all Vat.*  
Mon. rightly. *adfigunt B Pont. and in marg. Mar. Junt. Lamb. etc.* 1083  
*illaec germina Lach. after a friend of Lamb. for illae cermina (?) A p. m. ille*  
*germina B. ille haec germina A corr. Nicc.: see 1059.* 1085 *refrenat Nicc.*  
*for frenat.* 1089 *cuius quom, Tum Ed. for cuius quam, Tam. cuius quo mage*  
*Lach. cuius quo pluria Mar. Ald. 1 Junt. quam pluria Lamb. etc. which is not*  
*Latin. [But comparing Ter. heaut. 997 *Nam quam maxime huic vana haec suspicio*
*Erit, tam facilum patris pacem in leges conficiet suas;* Cato r. r. 85 9 *Quam*  
*plurimum bibit, tam maxime sitit;* and old poet (inc. fab. 160 Ribb.) ap. Quintilian  
ix 3 15 *Quam magis aerumna urget, tam magis ad maleficiendum urget;* and Aen.  
vii 787 quoted there: perhaps Luer. mixed the two constructions and wrote as his  
mss. give. Compare too Plaut. aul. 229 *Quam ad probos propinquitate proxume*  
*te adiunxeris, Tam optumumst:* and see Ussing there.] 1096 *raptast Ed. for*  
*raptat. rapta est Vat. 3276 Pont. Candidus at end of Junt. Wak. mentem spes*  
*raptat Lach. mentem spe lactant or captant Bentl.* 1098 *membris stinguere**

aetatis, iam cum praesagit gaudia corpus  
 atque in eost Venus ut muliebria conserat arva,  
 adfigunt avide corpus iunguntque salivas  
 oris et inspirant pressantes dentibus ora,  
 nequiquam, quoniam nil inde abradere possunt      1110  
 nec penetrare et abire in corpus corpore toto;  
 nam facere interdum velle et certare videntur:  
 usque adeo cupide in Veneris compagibus haerent,  
 membra voluptatis dum vi labefacta liquescunt.  
 tandem ubi se erupit nervis conlecta cupidus,      1115  
 parva fit ardoris violenti pauca parumper.  
 inde redit rabies eadem et furor ille revisit,  
 cum sibi quid cupiant ipsi contingere quaerunt,  
 nec reperire malum id possunt quae machina vincat;  
 usque adeo incerti tabescunt volnere caeco.      1120

Adde quod absumunt viris pereuntque labore,  
 adde quod alterius sub nutu degitur aetas.  
 labitur interea res et Babylonica fiunt,  
 languent officia atque aegrotat fama vacillans.  
 huic lenta et pulchra in pedibus Sicyonia rident      1125  
 scilicet et grandes viridi cum luce zmaragdi  
 auro includuntur teriturque thalassina vestis  
 adsidue et Veneris sudorem exercita potat.  
 et bene parta patrum fiunt anademata, mitrae,  
 interdum in pallam atque Alidensia Ciaque vertunt.      1130  
 eximia veste et victu convivia, ludi,

Avanc. for *membri stinguere* or *membris tinguere*.      1115 *conlecta* Lamb. for  
*coniecta*.      1118 *quid* Lach. for *quod*: a necessary change.      1121 *viris*  
*(vires)* Pont. Mar. Junt. for *utris*.      1123 *Babylonica* Pius in notes for  
*Babylonia*. *vadimonia* Mar. Junt. vulg. before Lach.      1124 *vacillans* Mar.  
 Junt. for *vigillans*, *raciliens* Avanc.      1125 *Huic lenta* Ed. for *Unguenta*: see  
 Camb. Journ. of phil. iv p. 287: the reading is of course quite uncertain: indeed  
*unguenta* may have come from *Languent* of 1124 and have expelled a totally  
 different word: perhaps *Arguta*, if *huic* were not wanted; comp. Catull. 68 72  
*Innixa arguta constituit solea*; and Tib. 18 14. *Argentum* Lach.      1129 fiunt  
 B corr. Mar. Ald. 1 Junt. for *flunt*.      1130 *Alidensia* of mss. may be right: see  
 notes 2. *alideusia* Lach. very ingeniously; but yet *alideusia* is not even a known  
 Greek word. ac *Melitensis Ceaque* Lamb. after 'Adrianus Turnebus, seu potius  
 Gul. Pelliserius, Episc. Montepessul.' *Ciaque* Lach. for *chia*: so Cic. de nat. deor.  
 1 118 *Prodicus Cius Victorius*: *chiuis* or *chius* mss.      1131 *ludi* A corr. Nicc. for  
*luidi*. *lychni* Lach.: but see notes 2; and v 295 from which it appears that Luer.  
 wrote *lyčhni* or *luchini* or *lichini*.

pocula crebra, unguenta coronae certa parantur,  
nequicquam, quoniam medio de fonte leporum  
surgit amari aliquit quod in ipsis floribus angat,  
aut cum conscius ipse animus se forte remordet      1135  
desidiose agere aetatem lustrisque perire,  
aut quod in ambiguo verbum iaculata reliquit  
quod cupidus adfixum cordi vivescit ut ignis,  
aut nimium iactare oculos aliumve tueri  
quod putat in voltuque videt vestigia risus.      1140

Atque in amore mala haec proprio sumineque secundo  
inveniuntur; in adverso vero atque inopi sunt,  
prendere quae possis oculorum lumine operto,  
innumerabilia; ut melius vigilare sit ante,  
qua docui ratione, cavereque ne inliciaris.      1145  
nam vitare, plagas in amoris ne iaciamur,  
non ita difficile est quam captum retibus ipsis  
exire et validos Veneris perrumpere nodos.  
et tamen implicitus quoque possis inque peditus  
effugere infestum, nisi tute tibi obvius obstes      1150  
et praetermittas animi vitia omnia primum  
aut quae corpori' sunt eius, siquam petis ac vis.  
nam faciunt homines plerumque cupidine caeci,  
et tribuunt ea quae non sunt his commoda vere.  
multimodis igitur pravas turpisque videmus      1155  
esse in deliciis summoque in honore vigere.  
atque alios alii inrident Veneremque siudant  
ut placent, quoniam foedo afflictentur amore,  
nec sua respiciunt miseri mala maxima saepe.  
nigra melichrus est, inmundia et fetida acosmos,      1160  
caesia Palladium, nervosa et lignea dorcas,  
parvula, pumilio, chariton mia, tota merum sal,  
magna atque inmanis cataplexis plenaque honoris.  
balba loqui non quit, traulizi, muta pudens est;  
at flagrans odiosa loquacula Lampodium fit.      1165  
ischnon eromenion tum fit, cum vivere non quit

1141 *mala haec* Flor. 31 Camb. 2 Vat. Pont. Mar. for *male haec*.      1145 *inli-*  
*cias* Ald. 1, *ill.* Mar. Junt. for *inligniaris*: so III 553 *linguntur* mss. for  
*licuntur*.      1152 *Aut* Lach. for *Ut*. *Et* Pont. Mar. *Tum* Nauger. vulg. *si quam*  
*petis* Lach. for *quam praepetis* A Nicc. Flor. 31 Camb. *quam precis* B. *quam*  
*percupis* Lamb.      1156 *deliciis* Camb. Mar. for *delictis*.

prae macie; rhadine verost iam mortua tussi.  
 at tumida et mammosa Ceres est ipsa ab Iaccho,  
 simula Silena ac saturast, labeosa philema.  
 cetera de genere hoc longum est si dicere coner.      1170  
 sed tamen esto iam quantovis oris honore,  
 cui Veneris membris vis omnibus exoriatur:  
 nempe aliae quoque sunt; nempe hac sine viximus ante;  
 nempe eadem facit, et scimus facere, omnia turpi,  
 et miseram taetris se suffit odoribus ipsa      1175  
 quam famulæ longe fugitant furtimque cachinnant.  
 at lacrimans exclusus amator limina saepe  
 floribus et sertis operit postisque superbos  
 unguit amaracino et foribus miser oscula figit;  
 quem si, iam *ammissum*, venientem offenderit aura      1180  
 una modo, causas abeundi quaerat honestas,  
 et meditata diu cadat alte sumpta querella,  
 stultitiaque ibi se damnet, tribuisse quod illi  
 plus videat quam mortali concedere par est.  
 nec Veneres nostras hoc fallit; quo magis ipsae      1185  
 omnia summo opere hos vitae poscaenia celant  
 quos retinere volunt adstrictosque esse in amore,  
 neququam, quoniam tu animo tamen omnia possis  
 protrahere in lucem atque omnis inquirere risus  
 et, si bello animost et non odiosa, vicissim      1190  
 praetermittere et humanis concedere rebus.  
 Nec mulier semper factio suspirat amore  
 quae complexa viri corpus cum corpore iungit  
 et tenet adsuctis umectans oscula labris.  
 nam facit ex animo saepe et communia quaerens      1195  
 gaudia sollicitat spatium decurrere amoris.  
 nec ratione alia volucres armenta feraeque

1168 *At tumida* Bern. for *At iamina*: this I had myself seen many years ago on  
 comparing Ovid ars n 661, where he is imitating Luer. *At Lamia* Avanc. Lach. *At  
 gemina* Lamb. vulg.      1174 *turpi* Nauger. for *turpis*.      1176 *longe* Flor. 31 Camb.  
 for *longi*.      1180 *iam ammissum* (*admissum*) Lamb. for *iam missum*.      *iam ammissu*  
*Lach.* *iam iussu* Bern. *iam immissum* Mar. Ald. 1 Junt. *venientem*. *veniens* Ald. 1  
*Junt.* Bentl.      1182 *cadat* Lamb. for *cadet*.      1183 *Stultitia*. *Stultitiae* Mar.  
 Ald. 1 Junt. Lach.      1188 *possis* Mar. Junt. for *poses*.      1189 *inquirere*  
*risus*. *in usus* Pont. Junt. *lusus* Mar. Candidus at end of Junt. *anquirere nisus*  
*Lamb.* Creech etc.      1191 *et added by* Mar. Lach. *Praetermittet te* Junt.

et pecudes et equae maribus subsidere possent,  
si non, ipsa quod illorum subat ardet abundans  
natura et Venerem salientum laeta retractat. 1200  
nonne vides etiam quos mutua saepe voluptas  
vinxit, ut in vinclis communibus excrucientur?  
in triviis quam saepe canes, discedere aeventis,  
1210 divorsi cupide summis ex viribu' tendunt,  
1204 quom interea validis Veneris compagibus haerent! 1205  
quod facerent numquam nisi mutua gaudia nossent  
quae iacere in fraudem possent vinctosque tenere.  
quare etiam atque etiam, ut dico, est communi' voluptas.  
Et commiscendo quom semine forte virili  
1209 femina vim vicit subita vi corripuitque, 1210  
tum similes matrum materno semine fiunt,  
ut patribus patrio. sed quos utriusque figurae  
esse vides, iuxtim miscentes vulta parentum,  
corpore de patrio et materno sanguine crescunt,  
semina cum Veneris stimulis excita per artus 1215  
obvia confixit conspirans mutuus ardor,  
et neque utrum superavit eorum nec superatumst.  
fit quoque ut interdum similes existere avorum  
possint et referant proavorum saepe figurae  
propterea quia multa modis primordia multis 1220  
mixta suo celant in corpore saepe parentis,  
quae patribus patres tradunt ab stirpe profecta;  
inde Venus varia producit sorte figurae

Lamb. 1198 *possent.* Lach. reads *possunt*, and refers *quod illorum subat* to  
the male. 1200 *salientum* Mar. Ald. 1 Junt. for *sallentum*. *retractat* Lamb.  
ed. 2 and 3 first for *retractant*. 1201 *etiam om.* Nicc. Flor. 31 Camb. 2 Vat.  
Brix. Ver. Ven. memi one Vat. *illos* 2 Vat. *etiam* of AB rightly added by Pont.  
and Avanc. 1202 *vinclis* Mar. Ald. 1 Junt. for *vinciis*. 1203 *quam*  
Lach. for *cum*. *quin* Mar. Junt. Lamb. ed. 1 and 2. *non saepe* Lamb. ed. 3,  
Creech. 1204 (1210) first brought here by Nauger. 1207 *lacere* Lamb.  
and above 1146 *laciamur*, without cause. 1209 *semine*. *semen* would simplify  
the constr. 1210 *vim vicit* Salmasius for *vi mulcit*: a certain correction,  
which Wak. and Lach. justly adopt: the older readings are not worth mentioning;  
Lamb. in vain tries to extricate himself: it appears from 500 instances that in  
our archetype, as in other mss. written in square capitals, *l* and *i* were often  
undistinguishable: 824 *errore multareque*, 1 659 *ver aula* AB. 1220 *multa*  
*modis* Lamb. ed. 2 and 3 for *multimodis*; and, although Junt. has *multimodis* in  
the text, it would appear from his note at the end that Candidus intended to print

- maiorumque refert voltus vocesque comasque.  
 1227 et muliebre oritur patrio de semine saeclum                    1225  
 maternoque mares existunt corpore creti;  
 1225 quandoquidem nilo magis haec *de* semine certo  
 fiunt quam facies et corpora membraque nobis;  
 semper enim partus duplici de semine constat,  
 atque utri similest magis id quodecumque creatur,                    1230  
 eius habet plus parte aequa; quod cernere possis,  
 sive virum suboles sivest muliebris origo.
- Nec divina satum genitalem numina cuiquam  
 absterrent, pater a gnatis ne dulcibus umquam                    1235  
 appelletur et ut sterili Venere exigat aevom;  
 quod plerumque putant et multo sanguine maesti  
 conspergunt aras adolentque altaria donis,  
 ut gravidas reddant uxores semine largo.  
 nequiam divom numen sortisque fatigant.  
 nam steriles nimium crasso sunt semine partim                    1240  
 et liquido praeter iustum tenuique vicissim.  
 tenve locis quia non potis est adfigere adhaesum,  
 liquitur extemplo et revocatum cedit abortu.  
 crassius his porro quoniam concretius aequo  
 mittitur, aut non tam prolixo provolat ictu                    1245  
 aut penetrare locos aequa nequit aut penetratum  
 aegre admiscetur muliebri semine semen.  
 nam multum harmoniae Veneris differre videntur.  
 atque alias alii complent magis ex aliisque  
 succipiunt aliae pondus magis inque gravescunt.                    1250  
 et multae steriles Hymenaeis ante fuerunt  
 pluribus et nactae post sunt tamen unde puellos  
 suscipere et partu possent ditescere dulci.  
 et quibus ante domi fecundae saepe nequissent  
 uxores parere, inventast illis quoque compar                    1255  
 natura, ut possent gnatis munire senectam.

*multa modis.*            1222 *ab* Lach. *for a.*            1225 1226 (1227 1228) I have trans-  
 ferred hither, the sense requiring the change.            1227 *de* added by Flor. 31  
 Pont. Mar. Junt. *a* Avanc.            *magis, minus* Lamb. followed by all before Lach.  
 1230 *quocunque* Flor. 31 Camb. Ver. Ven. Mar. *for quocumque.*  
 1234 *pater a gnatis* Brix.?, Pont. Mar. Ald. 1 Junt. *for praeter agnatis.*  
 1243 *cedit* Pont. Mar. Ald. 1 Junt. *for credit.*            1244 *his* Lach. *for*  
*hic.*            1252 *post sunt* Lamb. *first for possunt;* though Lucr. perhaps wrote

usque adeo magni refert, ut semina possint  
seminibus commisceri genitaliter apta,  
crassane convenient liquidis et liquida crassis.  
atque in eo refert quo victu vita colatur ; 1260  
namque aliis rebus concrescunt semina membris  
atque aliis extenvantur tabentque vicissim.  
et quibus ipsa modis tractetur blanda voluptas,  
id quoque permagni refert; nam more ferarum  
quadrupedumque magis ritu plerumque putantur  
concipere uxores, quia sic loca sumere possunt,  
pectoribus positis, sublatis semina lumbis.  
nec molles opu' sunt motus uxoribus hilum.  
nam mulier prohibet se concipere atque repugnat,  
clunibus ipsa viri Venerem si laeta retractat 1270  
atque exossato ciet omni pectore fluctus;  
eicit enim sulcum recta regione viaque  
vomeris atque locis avertit seminis ictum.  
idque sua causa consuerunt scorta moveri,  
ne completerentur crebro gravidaeque iacent  
et simul ipsa viris Venus ut concinnior esset;  
coniugibus quod nil nostris opus esse videtur. 1275  
Nec divinitus interdum Venerisque sagittis  
deteriore fit ut forma muliercula ametur.  
nam facit ipsa suis interdum femina factis  
morigerisque modis et munde corpore culto,  
ut facile insuescat *te secum degere vitam.* 1280  
quod superest, consuetudo concinnat amorem;  
nam leviter quamvis quod crebro tunditur ictu,  
vincitur in longo spatio tamen atque labascit.  
nonne vides etiam guttas in saxa cadentis  
umoris longo in spatio pertundere saxa ? 1285

*pos sunt:* comp. 1186 *poscaenia.* 1259 *Crassane* Ed. for *Crassaque*; as *refert*  
*convenient* does not seem Latin any more than III 868 *differre fuerit*, and *que* is  
quite superfluous. *convenient* Mar. Ald. 1 Junt. for *conveniunt.* 1262 *aliis*  
Ver. Ven. Mar. for *alii.* 1268 *Nec* Pont. Mar. Ald. 1 Junt. for *Ne.* *Non*  
Camb. 1270 *retractat* B. *retractet* A and all other mss. and eds. before  
Lach. 1281 *modis* Pont. Mar. Junt. for *moris.* 1282 *te secum* Bern.  
for *secum secum nos* Lach. *vir secum* Flor. 31 Camb. vulg. ‘Italice magis quam  
Latine’ says Lach.

T. LUCRETI CARI  
DE RERUM NATURA  
LIBER QUINTUS

Quis potis est dignum pollenti pectore carmen  
condere pro rerum maiestate hisque repertis?  
quisve valet verbis tantum qui fingere laudes  
pro meritis eius possit qui talia nobis  
pectore parta suo quae sitaque praemia liquit?  
nemo, ut opinor, erit mortali corpore cretus.  
nam si, ut ipsa petit maiestas cognita rerum,  
dicendum est, deus ille fuit, deus, inclyte Memmi,  
qui princeps vitae rationem invenit eam quae  
nunc appellatur sapientia, qui que per artem  
fluctibus e tantis vitam tantisque tenebris  
in tam tranquillo et tam clara luce locavit.  
confer enim divina aliorum antiqua reperta.  
namque Ceres fertur fruges Liberque liquoris  
vitigeni laticem mortalibus instituisse;  
cum tamen his posset sine rebus vita manere,  
ut fama est aliquas etiam nunc vivere gentis.  
at bene non poterat sine puro pectore vivi;  
quo magis hic merito nobis deus esse videtur,  
ex quo nunc etiam per magnas didita gentis  
dulcia permulcent animos solacia vitae.  
Herculis antistare autem si facta putabis,  
longius a vera multo ratione ferere.  
quid Nemeaeus enim nobis nunc magnus hiatus

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2 *maiestate hisque repertis* Lamb. for *maiestatis atque repertis*: he proposes also  
*maiestate atque r. maiestatisque repertis* Nicc. and all before Lamb. 12 *locavit*

ille leonis obesset et horrens Arcadius sus ?  
 denique quid Cretae taurus Lernaeaque pestis  
 hydra venenatis posset vallata colubris ?  
 quidve tripectora tergemini vis Geryonai

30 tanto opere officerent nobis Stymphala colentes  
 29 et Diomedis equi spirantes naribus ignem

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Thracis Bistoniasque plagas atque Ismara propter ?  
 aureaque Hesperidum servans fulgentia mala,  
 asper, acerba tuens, immanni corpore serpens  
 arboris amplexus stirpem quid denique obesset  
 propter Atlanteum litus pelageque sonora,  
 quo neque noster adit quisquam nec barbarus audet ?  
 cetera de genere hoc quae sunt portenta perempta,  
 sei non victa forent, quid tandem viva nocerent ?  
 nil, ut opinor: ita ad satiatem terra ferarum  
 nunc etiam scatit et trepido terrore repleta est  
 per nemora ac montes magnos silvasque profundas;  
 quae loca vitandi plerumque est nostra potestas.  
 at nisi purgatumst pectus, quae proelia nobis  
 atque pericula tumst ingratis insinuandum !  
 quantae tum scindunt hominem cuppedinis acres  
 sollicitum curae quantique perinde timores !  
 quidve superbia spureitia ac petulantia ? quantas

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Nicc. for vocavit. 29 foll. Mar. Ald. 1 Junt. and all succeeding eds. invert 30 and 31; I transpose 29 and 30: again Mar. Ald. 1 Junt. and all before Lach. insert between *nobis* and *Stymphala* the words *uncisque timendae Unguibus Arcadiae volucres*. Lach. weakly reads *et aves* for *nobis*. I have no doubt a verse has fallen out before 29 (30), beginning with *Quid*: such for instance as this *Quid volucres pennis aeratis invia stagna.* 31 *Thracis* Ed. for *Thracia*. *Thracam* Lach. *Thracen* Ald. 1 Junt.: see Camb. Journ. of phil. i p. 44. 34 *stirpem* Mon. Nauger. (*stipem* Mar. Junt.) for *stirpes*. 35 *Atlanteum* Gif. (*Atlantaeum* Lamb. and Turneb. first) for *Atianeum*. *Oceanum* propter Nicc. followed by many: *Oceanum* was probably written in the margin of Poggio's ms. to explain *Atlanteum*. *pelageque* Lamb. for *pelagique*. *sonora* Nicc. (not Flor. 31 or Camb.) Mon. Brix. Ver. Ven. Ald. 1 Junt. Nauger. Lach. for *severa*: it was probably in Poggio's ms.: Pont. in marg. 'aliu severa'. 38 *Sei* Lach. *Si* Nicc. for *Sed*. 44 *tumst* Lach. for *sunt*. *tunc* Lamb. Gif. ed. 1. Lamb. ed. 3 remarks 'hunc locum Zoilus...secutus est tacitus et dissimulans, tamquam integrum in aliis libris repertum et non a me emendatum': Gif. then ed. 2 reads *pericula est*, and says 'sic scripsi. in o. v. *sunt*. Marull. et vulg. *tunc*': now when Lamb. had so pointedly drawn attention to it, Gif. must have been a most impudent liar, if he did not find *tunc* in Marullus' ms.

efficiunt clades ! quid luxus desidiaequ ?  
 haec igitur qui cuncta subegerit ex animoque  
 expulerit dictis, non armis, nonne decebit  
 hunc hominem numero divom dignarier esse ?  
 cum bene praesertim multa ac divinitus 50  
 immortalib' de divis dare dicta suërit  
 atque omnem rerum naturam pandere dictis.

Cuius ego ingressus vestigia dum rationes  
 persequor ac doceo dictis, quo quaeque creata  
 foedere sint, in eo quam sit durare necessum  
 nec validas valeant aevi rescindere leges,  
 quo genere in primis animi natura reperta est  
 nativo primum consistere corpore creta 55

nec posse incolumis magnum durare per aevom,  
 sed simulacra solere in somnis fallere mentem,  
 cernere cum videamur eum quem vita reliquit,  
 quod superest, nunc huc rationis detulit ordo,  
 ut mihi mortali consistere corpore mundum  
 nativomque simul ratio reddunda sit esse ;  
 et quibus ille modis congressus materiai  
 fundarit terram caelum mare sidera solem  
 lunaique globum ; tum quae tellure animantes  
 extiterint, et quae nullo sint tempore natae ;  
 quove modo genus humanum variante loquella  
 cooperit inter se vesci per nomina rerum ;  
 et quibus ille modis divom metus insinuarit  
 pectora, terrarum qui in orbi sancta tuetur  
 fauna lacus lucos aras simulacraque divom. 65

praeterea solis cursus lunaeque meatus  
 expediam qua vi flectat natura gubernans ;  
 ne forte haec inter caelum terramque reamur  
 libera sponte sua cursus lustrare perennis  
 morigera ad fruges augendas atque animantis,  
 neve aliqua divom volvi ratione putemus.  
 nam bene qui didicere deos securum agere aevom, 70

notes; though Mon. has no trace of it. Junt. reads *sunt*. 51 *numero divom.*  
*divum numero* Lactant. 53 *Immortalibus* Flor. 31 Mar. *Inmortalibus* B Camb.  
*Iam mortalibus* A Nice, etc. *de Lamb.* for e. 61 *incolumis* Mar. Junt. for *inco-*  
*lumen A, vinculum est B, incolumē Camb.* 71 *Quove.* *Quoquo Nonius*, contrary to

si tamen interea mirantur qua ratione  
 quaeque geri possint, praesertim rebus in illis  
 quae supera caput aetheriis cernuntur in oris,  
 rursus in antiquas referuntur religiones  
 et dominos acris adsciscunt, omnia posse  
 quos miseri credunt, ignari quid queat esse,  
 quid nequeat, finita potestas denique cuique  
 quanam sit ratione atque alte terminus haerens.

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Quod superest, ne te in promissis plura moremur,  
 principio maria ac terras caelumque tuere;  
 quorum naturam triplicem, tria corpora, Memmi,  
 tris species tam dissimilis, tria talia texta,  
 una dies dabit exitio, multosque per annos  
 sustentata ruet moles et machina mundi.

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nec me animi fallit quam res nova miraque menti  
 accidat exitium caeli terraeque futurum,  
 et quam difficile id mihi sit pervincere dictis;  
 ut fit ubi insolitam rem ad portes auribus ante  
 nec tamen hanc possis oculorum subdere visu  
 nec iacere indu manus, via qua munita fidei  
 proxima fert humanum in pectus templaque mentis.  
 sed tamen effabor. dictis dabit ipsa fidem res  
 forsitan et graviter terrarum motibus ortis  
 omnia conquassari in parvo tempore cernes.  
 quod procul a nobis flectat fortuna gubernans,  
 et ratio potius quam res persuadeat ipsa  
 succidere horrisono posse omnia victa fragore.

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[Qua prius adgrediar quam de re fundere fata  
 sanctius et multo certa ratione magis quam  
 Pythia quae tripode a Phoebi lauroque profatur,  
 multa tibi expediam doctis solacia dictis;  
 religione refrenatus ne forte rearis  
 terras et solem et caelum, mare sidera lunam,  
 corpore divino debere aeterna manere,  
 proptereaque putas ritu par esse Gigantum  
 pendere eos poenas inmani pro scelere omnis  
 qui ratione sua disturbent moenia mundi

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praeclarumque velint caeli restinguere solem                            120  
 inmortalia mortali sermone notantes ;  
 quae procul usque adeo divino a numine distent,  
 inque deum numero quae sint indigna videri,  
 notitiam potius praebere ut posse putentur  
 quid sit vitali motu sensuque remotum.                                125  
 quippe etenim non est, cum quovis corpore ut esse  
 posse animi natura putetur consiliumque ;  
 sicut in aethere non arbor, non aequore salso  
 nubes esse queunt neque pisces vivere in arvis  
 nec crux in lignis neque saxis sucus inesse.                        130  
 certum ac dispositumst ubi quicquid crescat et insit.  
 sic animi natura nequit sine corpore oriri  
 sola neque a nervis et sanguine longiter esse.  
 quod si (posset enim multo prius) ipsa animi vis  
 in capite aut umeris aut imis calcibus esse                        135  
 posset et innasci quavis in parte, soleret  
 tandem in eodem homine atque in eodem vase manere.  
 quod quoniam nostro quoque constat corpore certum  
 dispositumque videtur ubi esse et crescere possit  
 seorsum anima atque animus, tanto magis infitiandum    140  
 totum posse extra corpus formamque animalem  
 putribus in glebis terrarum aut solis *in igni*  
 aut in aqua durare aut altis aetheris oris.  
 haud igitur constant divino praedita sensu,  
 quandoquidem nequeunt vitaliter esse animata.                        145  
 Illud item non est ut possis credere, sedes  
 esse deum sanctas in mundi partibus ullis.  
 tenuis enim natura deum longeque remota  
 sensibus ab nostris animi vix mente videtur ;  
 quae quoniam manuum tactum suffigit et ictum,                    150  
 tactile nil nobis quod sit contingere debet.  
 tangere enim non quit quod tangi non licet ipsum.  
 quare etiam sedes quoque nostris sedibus esse  
 dissimiles debent, tenues de corpore eorum ;

for *pars*: comp. 881                          122 *a numine distent* Flor. 31 Camb. Brix. Mar. for *ani-*  
*minbistent*, *animilastent* Nicc.                  123 *longiter*. *longius* mss.: see III 789.  
 134 foll.: see III 790 foll.                          152 *quod* Mar. Junt. for *quod si*.                  154 *de*  
*corpore*. *pro corpore* Lamb. conj. and Ed. in ed. 1: see notes 2. *tenuest si corpore*

- quae tibi posterius largo sermone probabo. 155  
 dicere porro hominum causa voluisse parare  
 praeclaram mundi naturam proptereaque  
 adlaudabile opus divom laudare decere  
 aeternumque putare atque inmortale futurum  
 nec fas esse, deum quod sit ratione vetusta 160  
 gentibus humanis fundatum perpetuo aevo,  
 solicitare suis ulla vi ex sedibus umquam  
 nec verbis vexare et ab imo everttere summa,  
 cetera de genere hoc adfingere et addere, Memmi,  
 desiperest. quid enim inmortalibus atque beatis 165  
 gratia nostra queat largirier emolumenti,  
 ut nostra quicquam causa gerere algrediantur ?  
 quidve novi potuit tanto post ante quietos  
 inlicere ut cuperent vitam mutare priorem ?  
 nam gaudere novis rebus debere videtur 170  
 cui veteres obsunt; sed cui nil accidit aegri  
 tempore in anteacto, cum pulchre degeret aevom,  
 quid potuit novitatis amorem accendere tali ?  
 175 an, credo, in tenebris vita ac maerore iacebat,  
 donec diluxit rerum genitalis origo. 175  
 quidve mali fuerat nobis non esse creatis ?  
 177 natus enim debet quicumque est velle manere  
 in vita, donec retinebit blanda voluptas.  
 qui numquam vero vitae gustavit amorem  
 nec fuit in numero, quid obest non esse creatum ? 180  
 exemplum porro gignundis rebus et ipsa  
 notities divis hominum unde est insita primum  
 quid vellent facere ut scirent animoque viderent,  
 quo ve modost umquam vis cognita principiorum  
 quidque inter sese permutato ordine possent, 185  
 si non ipsa dedit specimen natura creandi ?  
 namque ita multa modis multis primordia rerum

*deorum* Lach. *tenues ceu corpora eorum* Ed. in small ed. 162 *ulla vi ex. ullum*  
*de Lamb.* Creech etc. most gratuitously. 163 *summa.* *summam* Lamb. etc.

174 175 (175 176) rightly placed by Lamb. before 176 (174): but for *credo*, which  
 can scarcely be right, I propose *crepera*. Lach. whom I followed formerly, puts  
 them before 170, and reads *At* for *An* in 174. 182 *divis hominum unde est*  
*Ed. for hominum divis unde est. hominum dis unde est* Wak. Lach. *est om. Mar.*  
*Ald. 1 Junt. Lamb. etc. divisum deest Nicc. Mon. Ver. Ven.* 185 *sese* Brix.

ex infinito iam tempore percita plagis  
 ponderibusque suis consuerunt concita ferri  
 omnimodisque coire atque omnia pertemptare,  
 quaecumque inter se possent congressa creare,  
 ut non sit mirum si in talis disposituras  
 deciderunt quoque et in talis venere meatus,  
 qualibus haec rerum geritur nunc summa novando.

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Quod *si* iam rerum ignorem primordia quae sint, 195

hoc tamen ex ipsis caeli rationibus ausim  
 confirmare aliisque ex rebus reddere multis,  
 nequaquam nobis divinitus esse paratam  
 naturam rerum; tanta stat praedita culpa.  
 principio quantum caeli tegit impetus ingens,  
 inde avidei partem montes silvaeque ferarum  
 possedere, tenent rupes vastaeque paludes  
 et mare quod late terrarum distinet oras.

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inde duas porro prope partis fervidus ardor  
 adsiduusque geli casus mortalibus aufert.  
 quod superest arvi, tamen id natura sua vi  
 sentibus obducat, ni vis humana resistat  
 vitai causa valido consueta bidenti

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ingemere et terram pressis proscindere aratris.  
 si non fecundas vertentes vomere glebas  
 terraique solum subigentes cimus ad ortus,  
 sponte sua nequeant liquidas existere in auras,  
 et tamen interdum magno quaesita labore

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cum iam per terras frondent atque omnia florent,  
 aut nimis torret fervoribus aetherius sol  
 aut subiti peremunt imbris gelidaeque pruinac,  
 flabraque ventorum violento turbine vexant.

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praeterea genus horriferum natura ferarum  
 humanae genti infestum terraque marique  
 cur alit atque auget? cur anni tempora morbos  
 adportant? quare mors inmatura vagatur?

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Pont. Mar. for *se*. 186 *specimen* Pius in notes for *speciem*. 187 *multa*  
*modis* Lamb. ed. 1 and 2 rightly for *multimodis*; but ed. 3 again *multimodis*: see  
 422. 191 *possent* for *possint* Lach. rightly, as 426. 193 *meatus* Flor. 31  
 Mar. for *maestus*. 195 *si* added by Mar. Ald. 1 Junt. 201 *avidei partem*  
 Ed. for *avidam partem*. *avide* Bern. *aliquam* Lach. ‘Marull. *aliam* *pessime*’

tum porro puer, ut saevis proiectus ab undis  
navita, nudus humi iacet, infans, indigus omni  
vitali auxilio, cum primum in luminis oras  
nixibus ex alvo matris natura profudit,      225  
vagituque locum lugubri complet, ut aecumst  
cui tantum in vita restet transire malorum.  
at variae crescunt pecudes armenta feraeque  
nec crepitacillis opus est nec cuiquam adhibendast  
almae nutricis blanda atque infracta loquella      230  
nec varias quaerunt vestes pro tempore caeli,  
denique non armis opus est, non moenibus altis,  
qui sua tutentur, quando omnibus omnia large  
tellus ipsa parit naturaque daedala rerum.]

Principio quoniam terrai corpus et umor  
aurarumque leves animae calidique vapores,  
e quibus haec rerum consistere summa videtur,  
omnia nativo ac mortali corpore constant,  
debet eodem omnis mundi natura putari.  
quippe etenim quorum partis et membra videmus      235  
corpore nativo ac mortalibus esse figuris,  
haec eadem ferme mortalia cernimus esse  
et nativa simul. quapropter maxima mundi  
cum videam membra ac partis consumpta regnii,  
scire licet caeli quoque item terraeque fuisse      240  
principiale aliquod tempus clademque futuram.

Illud in his rebus ne corripuisse rearis  
me mihi, quod terram atque ignem mortalia sumpsi  
esse neque umorem dubitavi aurasque perire  
atque eadem gigni rursusque augescere dixi,      245  
principio pars terrai nonnulla, perusta  
solibus adsiduis, multa pulsata pedum vi,

Gif.: Junt. as Ald. 1 has *avidam*: but in marg. of Mon. ‘*avidam partem*’ is noted as strange.      227 *restet transire* Lactant. and Nicc. for *re et transire* rest, that curiously frequent blunder of AB: see iv 783.      239 *eodem omnis* Gif. rightly for *eadem omnis*, and before him the Paris ed. of Pius. *tota eadem* Lamb.      241  
*nativo ac mortalibus* Lach. for *nativom mortalibus*: not Naugerius who has *nativo mortalibus*. *nativo et mortalibus* Avanc. in notes at end of his Catullus, and vulg. *nativo in mortalibus* Mar.      245 *item* Bentl. for *idem*.      248 *Me mihi* B most rightly. *Memini A. Memmi vulg.*: hence Lamb. *me arripuisse* for *corripuisse* in 247.      251 *non nulla* Nicc. Camb. Ver. Ven. Mar. for *non ulla*.      257 *alid*

pulveris exhalat nebulam nubesque volantis  
 quas validi toto dispergunt aere venti.  
 pars etiam glebarum ad diluviem revocatur  
 imbris et ripas radentia flumina rodunt.  
 praeterea pro parte sua, quodcumque alid auget,  
 redditur; et quoniam dubio procul esse videtur  
 omniparens eadem rerum commune sepulcrum,  
 ergo terra tibi libatur et aucta recrescit.

255

Quod superest, umore novo mare flumina fontes  
 semper abundare et latices manare perennis  
 nil opus est verbis: magnus decursus aquarum  
 undique declarat. sed primum quicquid aquai  
 tollitur in summaque fit ut nil umor abundet,  
 partim quod validi verrentes aequora venti  
 diminuunt radiisque retexens aetherius sol,  
 partim quod super per terras diditur omnis;  
 percolatur enim virus retroque remanat  
 materies umoris et ad caput amnibus omnis  
 convenit, inde super terras fluit agmine dulci  
 qua via secta semel liquido pede detulit undas.

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Aera nunc igitur dicam qui corpore toto  
 innumerabiliter privas mutatur in horas.  
 semper enim, quodcumque fluit de rebus, id omne  
 aeris in magnum fertur mare; qui nisi contra  
 corpora retribuat rebus recreetque fluentis,  
 omnia iam resoluta forent et in aera versa.  
 haut igitur cessat gigni de rebus et in res  
 recidere, adsidue quoniam fluere omnia constat.

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280

Largus item liquidi fons luminis, aetherius sol,  
 inrigat adsidue caelum candore recenti  
 suppeditatque novo confestim lumine lumen.  
 nam primum quicquid fulgoris disperit ei,  
 quocumque accidit. id licet hinc cognoscere possis,  
 quod simul ac primum nubes succedere soli  
 coepere et radios inter quasi rumpere lucis,  
 extemplo inferior pars horum disperit omnis

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Lamb. ed. 1 and 2 for *alit* rightly; ed. 3 he restores *alit*.258 *Redditur*.*Roditur* Mar. Junt. Lamb. vulgo before Wak.282 *recenti* B corr. Flor. 31Camb. Mon. for *regenti*.288 *disperit* Nicc. B corr. for *disperis*.

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- terraque inumbratur qua nimbi cumque feruntur;  
ut noscas splendore novo res semper egere  
et primum iactum fulgoris quemque perire  
nec ratione alia res posse in sole videri,  
perpetuo ni suppeditet lucis caput ipsum.  
quin etiam nocturna tibi, terrestria quae sunt,  
lumina, pendentes lychini claraeque coruscis  
fulguribus pingues multa caligine taedae  
consimili properant ratione, ardore ministro,  
suppeditare novom lumen, tremere ignibus instant,  
instant, nec loca lux inter quasi erupta relinquit:  
usque adeo properanter ab omnibus ignibus ei 290  
exitium celeri celatur origine flammae.  
sic igitur solem lunam stellasque putandumst  
ex alio atque alio lucem iactare subortu  
et primum quicquid flammarum perdere semper;  
inviolabilia haec ne credas forte vigere. 305
- Denique non lapides quoque vinci cernis ab aevo,  
non altas turris ruere et putrescere saxa,  
non delubra deum simulacraque fessa fatisci,  
nec sanctum numen fati protollere finis  
posse neque adversus naturae foedera niti? 310  
denique non monimenta virum dilapsa videmus  
quaerere proporro sibi *sene* senescere credas,

*Et Mar. Ald. 1 Junt. for Ut.* 295 *lychini* Ed. for *lyclini*. *lychni* A corr. Nicc. Macrob.: Luer. seems to have known only the trisyllabic form, whether he wrote *lychini* or *luchini* or *lichini*; or even one of the still older forms *lucini* or *licini*. Ritschl in Rhein. Mus. n. f. x p. 447—451 shews that Enn. ann. 328 wrote *lucinorum lumina bis sex*; Lucilius *lucinosque* or *luchinosque*: so *dracuma mina* (*μνᾶ*), *tecina* (*τέχνη*), *cūcīnus* or *cicinus* (*κύκνος*), and other like forms all arising from the dislike of the old Latins to certain combinations of consonants: comp. *Aesculapius Alcumena Hercules* and many such like. Luer. or his editor may have written *y*, as it was introduced for Greek words just before his death: the aspirated *ch* was in common use some 40 years earlier, as Ritschl proves. 296 *caligine*. *fuligine* Bentl. and Wak. from a sheer misunderstanding of Luer. 297 *properant* Mar. Ald. 1 Junt. for *proferant*. 300 *ab omnibus*. *obortis* Bruno (Harburg 1872, p. 9). 301 *celeri celatur* Mar. Madvig and Lach. for *celeri celeratur*. *toleratur* Nicc. Ver. Ven. Ald. 1 vulg. Junt. keeps the *celeratur* of Mon., Candidus not having observed that Marullus had put points of rejection under the *er*. 302 *putandumst* Lach. for *putandum*: see 111. 312 *sene senescere* Ed. for *cumque senescere*: see Journ. of phil. n. s. iv p. 122 and notes 2. *sibi qui de se quoque dicat* Polle. *Aeraque proporro solidumque senescere ferrum* Ed. formerly: see Camb. Journ. of phil. I p. 373 and IV p. 142. *Quae fore*

non ruere avolsos silices a montibus altis  
 nec validas aevi vires perferre patique  
 finiti? neque enim caderent avolsa repente,  
 ex infinito quae tempore pertolerassent  
 omnia tormenta aetatis privata fragore.

315

Denique iam tuere hoc, circum supraque quod omnem  
 continet amplexu terram: si procreat ex se  
 omnia, quod quidam memorant, recipitque perempta, 320  
 totum nativum mortali corpore constat.  
 nam quodcumque alias ex se res auget alitque,  
 deminui debet, recreari, cum recipit res.

Praeterea si nulla fuit genitalis origo  
 terrarum et caeli semperque aeterna fuere, 325  
 cur supera bellum Thebanum et funera Troiae  
 non alias alii quoque res cecinere poetae?  
 quo tot facta virum totiens cecidere neque usquam  
 aeternis famae monumentis insita florent?  
 verum, ut opinor, habet novitatem summa recensque 330  
 naturast mundi neque pridem exordia cepit.  
 quare etiam quaedam nunc artes expoliuntur,  
 nunc etiam augescunt; nunc addita navigiis sunt  
 multa, modo organici melicos peperere sonores.  
 denique natura haec rerum ratioque repertast -  
 nuper, et hanc primus cum primis ipse repertus  
 nunc ego sum in patrias qui possim vertere voces.  
 quod si forte fuisse antehac eadem omnia credis,  
 sed periisse hominum torrenti saecla vapore,  
 aut cecidisse urbis magno vexamine mundi, 340  
 aut ex imbris adsiduis exisse rapaces  
 per terras amnes atque oppida cooperuisse,

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*proporro vetitumque senescere credas* Lach. *Cedere proporro subitoque senescere* casu Mar. Junt. Lamb. ed. 1 and 2, Creech. Lamb. ed. 3 obelises this and adds the ms. verse. Is. Voss. (not Preiger) in ms. notes has *Quae ruere proporro ibi conque senescere credas.* [Quare proporro sibi cumque senescere credas] Bern.: Gif. and Wak. find no difficulty in the ms. reading. 318 *omnem* Mar. Junt. for *omne*. 319 *si om.* Nicc. and all later mss.: hence much confusion in eds. before Lach., Havercamp not deigning to record that AB both had *si. omne...terrai Avanc. terram, quod* Mar. Junt. vulg. 321 *nativum. nativo ac* Bern. 331 *Naturast mundi* Ald. 1, *Natura est* Mar. Junt. for *Natura mundist:* this common blunder of our mss. Wak. here keeps. 339 *periisse* Flor. 31 for *perisse.* 342 *atque oppida* Flor. 31 Camb. Mar. for *at oppida. ac* Nicc. 2 Vat.

- tanto quique magis victus fateare necessest  
exitium quoque terrarum caelique futurum.  
nam cum res tantis morbis tantisque periclis  
temptarentur, ibi si tristior incubuissest  
causa, darent late cladem magnasque ruinas.  
nec ratione alia mortales esse videmur,  
inter nos nisi quod morbis aegrescimus isdem  
atque illi quos a vita natura removit. 345
- Praeterea quaecumque manent aeterna necessust  
aut, quia sunt solido cum corpore, respuere ictus  
nec penetrare pati sibi quicquam quod queat artas  
dissociare intus partis, ut materiali  
corpora sunt quorum naturam ostendimus ante,  
aut ideo durare aetatem posse per omnem,  
plagarum quia sunt expertia, sicut inane est  
quod manet intactum neque ab ictu fungitur hilum,  
aut etiam quia nulla loci fit copia circum,  
quo quasi res possint discedere dissoluique,  
sicut summarum summa est aeterna neque extra  
qui locus est quo dissiliant neque corpora sunt quae  
possint incidere et valida dissolvere plaga.  
at neque, uti docui, solido cum corpore mundi  
naturast, quoniam admixtumst in rebus inane,  
nec tamen est ut inane, neque autem corpora desunt,  
ex infinito quae possint forte coorta  
corruere hanc rerum violento turbine summam  
aut aliam quamvis cladem importare pericli,  
nec porro natura loci spatiumpque profundi  
deficit, expargi quo possint moenia mundi,  
aut alia quavis possunt vi pulsa perire.  
haut igitur leti praeclusa est ianua caelo  
nec soli terraeque neque altis aequoris undis,  
sed patet immani et vasto respectat hiatu. 365  
quare etiam nativa necessumst confiteare  
haec eadem; neque enim, mortali corpore quae sunt

Brix. Ver. Ven. Wak. 349 *isdem* Pius in notes, Lamb. for *idem* which Lach. keeps; see II 693. Lach. was the first to join *inter nos* with what follows. 359 *fit* Lach. first for *sit*. 367 *coorta* Mar. Ald. 1 Junt. for *coperta*. 368 *Corruere*. *Proruere* Lamb. etc. 375 *immani*. *immane* Bruno I. l. p. 10: he

ex infinito iam tempore adhuc potuissent  
immensi validas aevi contemnere vires.

Denique tantopere inter se cum maxima mundi 380  
pugnant membra, pio nequaquam concita bello,  
nonne vides aliquam longi certaminis ollis  
posse dari finem? vel cum sol et vapor omnis  
omnibus epotis umoribus exsuperarint:  
quod facere intendunt, neque adhuc conata patrantur: 385  
tantum suppeditant amnes ultraque minantur  
omnia diluviare ex alto gurgite ponti,  
neququam, quoniam verentes aequora venti  
deminuunt radiisque retexens aetherius sol,  
et siccare prius confidunt omnia posse 390  
quam liquor incepti possit contingere finem.  
tantum spirantes aequo certamine bellum  
magnis *inter se* de rebus cernere certant,  
cum semel interea fuerit superantior ignis  
et semel, ut fama est, umor regnarit in arvis. 395  
ignis enim superat et lambens multa perussit,  
avia cum Phaethonta rapax vis solis equorum  
aethere raptavit toto terrasque per omnis.  
at pater omnipotens ira tum percitus acri  
magnanimum Phaethonta repenti fulminis ictu 400  
deturbavit equis in terram, solque cadenti  
obvius aeternam succepit lampada mundi  
disiectosque redigit equos iunxitque trementis,  
inde suum per iter recreavit cuncta gubernans,  
scilicet ut veteres Graium cecinere poetae. 405  
quod procul a vera nimis est ratione repulsum.  
ignis enim superare potest ubi materiai  
ex infinito sunt corpora plura coorta;  
inde cadunt vires aliqua ratione revictae,  
aut pereunt res exustae torrentibus auris. 410

thinks that 369 and 372 are interpolations. 382 *certaminis ollis* Flor. 31 Camb.  
Mar. for *certamini solis*. 385 *patrantur*. *patrarunt* Goebel. 386 *ultraque*.  
*ultroque* Flor. 31 Camb. Mar. vulg. 393 *inter se* inserted by Lach. before, by  
Nicc. Flor. 31 Camb. Mon. vulg. after *de rebus*. 396 *superat* (perf.) *et*  
*lambens* Lach. for *superavit et ambens*. *lambens* B corr.: nor has *ambens* any  
existence, whether as partic. of *ambedo* or *ambio*. 399 *tum* Flor. 31  
Camb. Mar. for *cum*. 405 *Graium* Flor. 31 Camb. Pont. Mar. for

umor item quondam coepit superare coortus,  
ut fama est, hominum multas quando obruit urbis.  
inde ubi vis aliqua ratione aversa recessit,  
**ex infinito** fuerat quaecumque coorta,  
constiterunt imbræ et flumina vim minuerunt.

415

Sed quibus ille modis coniectus materiai  
fundarit terram et caelum pontique profunda,  
solis lunai cursus, ex ordine ponam.  
nam certe neque consilio primordia rerum  
ordine se suo quaeque sagaci mente locarunt  
nec quos quaeque darent motus pepigere profecto,  
sed quia multa modis multis primordia rerum  
**ex infinito** iam tempore percita plagis  
ponderibusque suis consuerunt concita ferri  
omnimodisque coire atque omnia pertemptare,  
quaecumque inter se possent congressa creare,  
propterea fit uti magnum volgata per aevum  
omne genus coetus et motus experiundo  
tandem convenient ea quae convecta repente  
magnarum rerum fiunt exordia saepe,  
terrai maris et caeli generisque animantium.

425

Hic neque tum solis rota cerni lumine largo  
altivolans poterat nec magni sidera mundi  
nec mare nec caelum nec denique terra neque aer  
nec similis nostris rebus res ulla videri,  
sed nova tempestas quaedam molesque coorta  
440 omne genus de principiis, discordia quorum  
intervalla vias conexus pondera plagas  
concurrus motus turbabat proelia miscens,

*gratum. graium (gratum) Ver. Ven.* 409 410 Lach. by a strange mis-  
apprehension inverts these verses and for *Aut pereunt* reads *Et pereunt.* 412  
*urbis* Pont. Junt. for *undis.* Flor. 31 Camb. Ver. Ven. Mar. etc. keep *undis*, and  
for *hominum multas* read *hominum multos.* 428 *Omne genus* Lach. for *Omnigenus.*  
*Omnigenos* A corr. vulg. 429 *convecta* Lach. for *conventa.* T. c. *quae ubi*  
*convenere* Lamb. ed. 1; T. ea c. *quae ut convenere* ed. 2 and 3, followed by Creech, etc.  
430 *fiunt* Flor. 31 Camb. for *fluunt.* *sacpe. semper*, as in 1062 Lach. 432 *largo.*  
*claro* Macrob. 433 *Altivolans* Pont. Avanc. and Macrob. sat. vi 2 23 for *Alte*  
*volans.* *Alta volans* Mar. Junt. 437—442 (440—445) are thus arranged by Lach.  
after Reisacker *quaest. Lucri.*; and the necessity of this change is manifest, though  
Macrob. l. l. evidently read them in the order in which they appear in our mss.  
See what I say on this and similar points p. 30. 437 *Omne genus de* Lach. as

- propter dissimilis formas variasque figuras 440  
 quod non omnia sic poterant coniuncta manere  
 nec motus inter sese dare convenientis.  
 445 diffugere inde loci partes coepere paresque  
 cum paribus iungi res et discludere mundum  
 membraque dividere et magnas disponere partes, 445  
 446 hoc est, a terris altum secernere caelum  
 et sorsum mare uti secreto umore pateret,  
 seorsus item puri secretique aetheris ignes.  
 Quippe etenim primum terrai corpora quaeque,  
 propterea quod erant gravia et perplexa, coibant 450  
 in medio atque imas capiebant omnia sedes ;  
 quae quanto magis inter se perplexa coibant,  
 tam magis expressere ea quae mare sidera solem  
 lunamque efficerent et magni moenia mundi.  
 omnia enim magis haec e levibus atque rutundis 455  
 seminibus multoque minorib' sunt elementis  
 quam tellus. ideo, per rara foramina, terrae  
 partibus erumpens primus se sustulit aether  
 ignifer et multos secum levis abstulit ignis,  
 non alia longe ratione ac saepe videmus, 460  
 aurea cum primum gemitantis rore per herbas  
 matutina rubent radiati lumina solis  
 exhalantque lacus nebulam fluique perennes,  
 ipsaque ut interdum tellus fumare videtur ;  
 omnia quae sursum cum conciliantur, in alto 465  
 corpore concreto subtexunt nubila caelum.  
 sic igitur tum se levis ac diffusilis aether  
 corpore concreto circumdatus undique *flexit*  
 et late diffusus in omnis undique partis  
 omnia sic avido complexu cetera saepsit. 470  
 hunc exordia sunt solis lunaeque secuta,

before, for *Omnigenus* e B, *Omnigenis* e A Nicc. vulg. 446 *altum.* *magnum*  
 Maer. 447 *umore* Macrob. B corr. Vat. 3276 Pont. Junt. for *umor.* *humorique*  
 Nicc. Flor. 31 Camb. 4 Vat. Brix. Ver. Ven. Avanc. 458 *se* Nicc. for *et.*  
 459 *Ignifer.* *Signifer* Ver. Ven. Ald. 1 Junt. (not Mar.) Lamb. etc. on no ms.  
 authority, though Lamb. falsely says all mss. have it. 460 463 *videmus...*  
*Exhalantque.* *videntur...* *Exalare* Lach.: a violent change which only impairs the  
 beauty of the passage. 468 *flexit* Lach. for *saepsit:* *saepsit* has come from

interutrasque globi quorum vertuntur in auris;  
 quae neque terra sibi adscivit nec maximus aether,  
 quod neque tam fuerunt gravia ut depressa sederent,  
 nec levia ut possent per summas labier oras, 475  
 et tamen interutrasque ita sunt ut corpora viva  
 versent et partes ut mundi totius extent;  
 quod genus in nobis quaedam licet in statione  
 membra manere, tamen cum sint ea quae moveantur.  
 his igitur rebus retractis terra repente, 480  
 maxuma qua nunc se ponti plaga caerulea tendit,  
 succidit et salso suffudit gurgite fossas.  
 inque dies quanto circum magis aetheris aestus  
 et radii solis cogebant undique terram  
 verberibus crebris extrema ad limina *in artum*, 485  
 in medio ut propulsa suo condensa coiret,  
 tam magis expressus salsus de corpore sudor  
 augebat mare manando camposque natantis,  
 et tanto magis illa foras elabsa volabant  
 corpora multa vaporis et aeris altaque caeli  
 densebant procul a terris fulgentia templarum, 490  
 sidebant campi, crescebant montibus altis  
 ascensus; neque enim poterant subsidere saxa  
 nec pariter tantundem omnes succumbere partis.

Sic igitur terrae concreto corpore pondus  
 constitit atque omnis mundi quasi limus in imum 495

470. 471 *secuta*. ‘*secuta, et Y*’ (i.e. our A) says Havercamp. This is quite false: though he had A and B before him, he has chosen to copy out this, as well as three fourths of his worthless various readings, from the bookseller Tonson’s London ed. of 1712, which gives ‘collationes trium ms. codicum Vossii a R<sup>do</sup> Viro R<sup>o</sup> Cannon S. T. P. factas’: this collator says ‘*secuta, &.* V. 1.’ Haverc. copies even the comma and the & into his ed. This is but one of a thousand instances of his unprincipled sloth. 472 476 *Interutrasque*. *Interutraque* Lach. 474 *fuerunt*. *fuerint* Pont. Avanc. and strange to say Lamb. who made it the vulg. before Lach. 482 *salso suffudit* A corr. Lamb. for *salsos offudit*. *salso suffudit* Nicc. Flor. 31 Camb. Mon. etc. Wak. 485 *extrema ad limina in artum* Ed. for *extrema ad limina partem*: the scribe neglected to write *ina* twice, and to fill up the verse wrote *partem* for *rtum*. *extrema a limini’ parte* Lach. who connects this verse with the next. *extrema ad limina apertam* Lamb. e. a. l. *raptim* Bentl. *radiis* for *radii* A Nicc. Camb. *lumina* Nicc. Flor. 31 Camb. etc. 491 *Densebant* Lamb. Lach. for *Densabant*, as our mss. in all other places make it of the 2nd conjugation: see Wagn. to Virg. geor. i 248.

confluxit gravis et subsedit funditus ut faex;  
 inde mare inde aer inde aether ignifer ipse  
 corporibus liquidis sunt omnia pura relicta,  
 et leviora aliis alia, et liquidissimus aether  
 atque levissimus aerias super influit auras,  
 nec liquidum corpus turbantibus aeris auris  
 commiscet; sinit haec violentis omnia verti  
 turbinibus, sinit incertis turbare procellis,  
 ipse suos ignis certo fert impete labens.  
 nam modice fluere atque uno posse aethera nisu  
 significat Pontos, mare certo quod fluit aestu  
 unum labendi conservans usque tenorem.

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[Motibus astrorum nunc quae sit causa canamus.

principio magnus caeli si vortitur orbis,  
 ex ultraque polum parti premere aera nobis  
 dicendum est extraque tenere et claudere utrimque;  
 inde alium supra fluere atque intendere eodem  
 quo volvenda micant aeterni sidera mundi;  
 aut alium super, contra qui subvehat orbem,  
 ut fluvios versare rotas atque haustra videmus.  
 est etiam quoque uti possit caelum omne manere  
 in statione, tamen cum lucida signa ferantur;  
 sive quod inclusi rapidi sunt aetheris aestus  
 quaerentesque viam circum versantur et ignes  
 passim per caeli volvunt Summania tempa;  
 sive aliunde fluens alicunde extrinsecus aer  
 versat agens ignis; sive ipsi serpere possunt  
 quo cuiusque cibus vocat atque invitat euntis,  
 flammea per caelum pascentis corpora passim.  
 nam quid in hoc mundo sit eorum ponere certum

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503 *Commiscet* Nauger. first for *Commisci*.      *haec. hic* Bentl. and Lach.; but see notes 2.      507 *Pontos, mare* Lach. for *ponto mare*.      *Ponti mare* Pont. Lamb. ed. 3, *tantum mare* ed. 1 and 2.      513—516 Lach. quite misapprehends and sadly mutilates this passage: 513 he reads *deorsum* for *eodem*, 515 *Hinc* for *Aut*; and places 514 after 516: not one of these changes but mars the sense.

515 *Aut. Ast* Nauger. vulg. wrongly. *qui* Mar. Nauger. rightly for *quis*.

518 *lucida* Flor. 31 Ver. Ven. Mar. for *lucia*.      521 *Summania*: see notes 2. *immania* Creech in notes, Lach.      Pont. says ‘*summania pro immania*’. *se immania* Avanc. in notes at end of Catullus, Lamb. perversely. I once thought of *summa avia*.      524 *euntis. aeventis* Lach.      530 *omne* B corr. Mar. Ald. 1

difficile est; sed quid possit fiatque per omne  
in variis mundis varia ratione creatis,  
id doceo plurisque sequor disponere causas,  
motibus astrorum quae possint esse per omne;        530  
e quibus una tamen sit in hoc quoque causa necessest  
quae vegeat motum signis; sed quae sit earum  
praecipere hautquaquamst pedetemtim progredientis.]

Terraque ut in media mundi regione quiescat,  
evanescere paulatim et decrescere pondus        535  
convenit, atque aliam naturam super habere  
ex ineunte aevo coniunctam atque uniter aptam  
partibus aeriis mundi quibus insita vivit.  
propterea non est oneri neque deprimit auras;  
ut sua cuique homini nullo sunt pondere membra        540  
nec caput est oneri collo nec denique totum  
corporis in pedibus pondus sentimus inesse;  
at quaecumque foris veniunt in postaque nobis  
pondera sunt laedunt, permulto saepe minora.  
usque adeo magni refert quid quaeque obeat res.        545  
sic igitur tellus non est aliena repente  
allata atque auris aliunde obiecta alienis,  
sed pariter prima concepta ab origine mundi  
certaque pars eius, quasi nobis membra videntur.  
praeterea grandi tonitru concussa repente,        550  
terra supra quae se sunt concutit omnia motu:  
quod facere haut ulla posset ratione, nisi esset  
partibus aeriis mundi caeloque revincta.  
nam communibus inter se radicibus haerent  
ex ineunte aevo coniuncta atque uniter apta.        555

Junt. for omnem.        531 sit in hoc quoque causa Ed. for sit et haec quoque causa.  
siet haec Lach.: but haec has no force and has come from the neighbouring causa.  
siet hic Bern.        532 vegeat Gif. for vigeat.        533 progredientis Lamb. for  
progredientes: est for licet is not Lucretian.        536 supter. subter Flor. 31 Mar.  
Junt. for super.        538 vivit. crevit Lach. sidit Lamb. ed. 2 and 3 'ex antiquae  
scripturae quae reperitur in codice Bertin. vestigiis', and Heins. notes that s, i.e. the  
ms. of Modius, has sidit, unless I mistake his meaning: but Modius made his  
collation with the small 2nd ed. of Lamb. so that it is probably a mere oversight;  
for B has vivit.        545 quid quaeque obeat res Ed. for quit queque quaeat  
res: Lach. to 1 222 gives more than 40 instances in which AB change b to v: when  
obeat became ouceat, the further corruption to queat was inevitable with capitals.  
aveat Lach. vehat Gronovius and Is. Voss. in notes. gerat N. P. Howard.

nonne vides etiam quam magno pondere nobis  
sustineat corpus tenuissima vis animai  
propterea quia tam coniuncta atque uniter apta est?  
denique iam saltu pernici tollere corpus  
quid potis est nisi vis animi quae membra gubernat? 560  
iamne vides quantum tenuis natura valere  
possit, ubi est coniuncta gravi cum corpore, ut aer  
coniunctus terris et nobis est animi vis?

Nec nimio solis maior rota nec minor ardor  
esse potest, nostris quam sensibus esse videtur. 565  
nam quibus e spatiis cumque ignes lumina possunt  
adicere et calidum membris adflare vaporem,  
nil illa his intervallis de corpore libant  
flammarum, nil ad speciem est contractior ignis.

573 proinde, calor quoniam solis lumenque profusum

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570 pervenient nostros ad sensus et loca mulcent,  
forma quoque hinc solis debet filumque videri,

572 nil adeo ut possis plus aut minus addere, vere.

575 lunaque sive notho fertur loca lumine lustrans

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sive suam proprio iactat de corpore lucem,  
quidquid id est, nilo fertur maiore figura  
quam, nostris oculis qua cernimus, esse videtur.

nam prius omnia, quae longe semota tuemur

aera per multum, specie confusa videntur

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quam minui filum. quapropter luna necesse est,  
quandoquidem claram speciem certamque figuram

555 *uniter apta* Pont. Junt. for *uniter aucta*: 558 *uniter apta* for *uniter rapta*  
B corr. Flor. 31 Camb. etc. as 537. Mar. has first corrected Mon., then written  
*aucta* above, and then *apta* in marg.; unless the first correction is from Pontanus,  
the other from Marullus: it is more than probable that Pontanus had the cod.  
Victor. in his hands before Marullus: comp. 1152. 559 *pernici* Brix. Pont.  
Mar. Ald. 1 Junt. for *pernice*. *pernice attollere* Flor. 31: a mere conj. 560  
*Quid* Lamb. in errata to ed. 3, Faber in his emend. for *Quis.* *animi* Lach. for  
*animaee*; as 563. 563 *Coniunctus* Flor. 31 Camb. Pont. Mar. for *Coniuncta*.

567 *Adicere* (*Adiicere*) Lamb. for *Adlicere*: a confusion of which we have had so  
many examples. 568 *Nil illa his intervallis* Bern. for *Nihil nisi intervallis*.  
*Nil ea in his int.* Lach. *Illa ipsa intervalla nihil* Lamb. *Nilque nisi ex int.* Flor.  
31 Camb. 3 Vat. Mar. *libant* Mar. Junt. for *librant*. *limant* Lamb. ed. 1 and 2,  
*librant* ed. 3. 570 (573) brought here by Mar. Ald. 1 Junt. 571 *loca mulcent*  
Lach. for *loca fulgent*. *loca tingunt* Lamb. 572 *filumque* Lamb. ed. 2 in notes and  
ed. 3 after Turnebus for *ilumque*. 574=571 (570). 581 *minui filum* Bentl. for *mi*

- praebet, ut est oris extremis cumque notata  
 quantaque quantast hinc nobis videatur in alto.  
 postremo quoscumque vides hinc aetheris ignes; 585  
 quandoquidem quoscumque in terris cernimus *ignes*,  
 dum tremor *est* clarus, dum cernitur ardor eorum,  
 perparvom quiddam interdum mutare videtur  
 alteram utram in partem filum, quo longius absunt;  
 594 scire licet perquam pauxillo posse minores 590  
 esse vel exigua maioris parte breve.
- 590 Illud item non est mirandum, qua ratione  
 tantulus ille queat tantum sol mittere lumen,  
 quod maria ac terras omnis caelumque rigando  
 compleat et calido perfundat cuncta vapore. 595
- 597 nam licet hinc mundi patefactum totius unum  
 largiflum fontem scatere atque erumpere lumen,  
 ex omni mundo quia sic elementa vaporis  
 undique convenient et sic coniectus eorum 600  
 confluit, ex uno capite hic ut profluat ardor.  
 nonne vides etiam quam late parvus aquai  
 prata riget fons interdum campisque redundet?  
 est etiam quoque uti non magno solis ab igni  
 aera percipiat calidis fervoribus ardor, 605  
 opportunus ita est si forte et idoneus aer,  
 ut queat accendi parvis ardoribus ictus;  
 quod genus interdum segetes stipulamque videmus  
 accedere ex una scintilla incendia passim.

*filum. minimum filum* Nicc. vulg. 584 *Quantaque quantast hinc* Eichstädt  
 for *Quanto quoque quantast hinc*, and in the repetition 596 *Quanta quoque est*  
*tanta hinc*: ‘qua emendatione’ says Lach. ‘efficit ut hic semel valde laudandus  
 sit’. *Quantaque sit, nobis tanta hinc* Pont. Ald. 1 Junt. *Quanta haec cumque*  
*fuat, tanta hinc* Lamb. 586 *ignes* added by Mar. Ald. 1 Junt.: the *ignes* of  
 585 caused its omission. *horum Flor. 31 Camb. flammae* Lach. who says that  
*ignes* is an unmeaning repetition: but similar repetitions are very common in  
 Lucr. 587 *est* added by Flor. 31 Camb. etc. 588 *videtur* A Nicc. Flor. 31  
 Camb. Mon. etc. and Lamb. ed. 1. *videntur* B Lamb. ed. 2 and 3, perhaps  
 rightly. 589 *absunt* Lach. for *absit*: a necessary change. *cum longius absint*  
 Lamb. 590 591 (594 595) first brought here by Mar. Ald. 1 Junt. 596=584.  
 598 *lumen. flumen* Avanc. Lamb. etc. without any authority. 599 *quia*  
 AB. *qua* Nicc. Flor. 31 (Lach. is in error) Camb. Mon. all Vat. Brix. Ver. Ven.  
 Ald. 1 Junt. *quo* Lamb. etc. *vaporis* Lamb. first for *vapore*. 605 *percipiat*  
 Nauger. for *percipitat*. 609 *Accedere* A. *Accidere* B. *Accendere* A corr. Nicc. 2

forsitan et rosea sol alte lampade lucens  
possideat multum caecis fervoribus ignem  
circum se, nullo qui sit fulgore notatus,  
aestifer ut tantum radiorum exaugeat ictum.

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Nec ratio solis simplex *et* certa patescit,  
quo pacto aestivis e partibus aegocerotis  
brumalis adeat flexus atque inde revertens  
cancri se ut vertat metas ad solstitialis,  
lunaque mensibus id spatium videatur obire,  
annua sol in quo consumit tempora cursu.  
non, inquam, simplex his rebus redditam causast.      620  
nam fieri vel cum primis id posse videtur,  
Democriti quod sancta viri sententia ponit,  
quanto quaeque magis sint terram sidera propter,  
tanto posse minus cum caeli turbine ferri.

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evanescere enim rapidas illius et acris  
imminui super viris, ideoque relinqu  
paulatim solem cum posteriorib[us] signis,  
inferior multo quod sit quam fervida signa.  
et magis hoc lunam: quanto demissior eius  
cursus abest procul a caelo terrisque propinquat,  
tanto posse minus cum signis tendere cursum.  
flaccidiore etenim quanto iam turbine fertur  
inferior quam sol, tanto magis omnia signa  
hanc adipiscuntur circum praeterque feruntur.  
propterea fit ut haec ad signum quodque reverti  
mobilius videatur, ad hanc quia signa revisunt.  
fit quoque ut e mundi transversis partibus aer  
alternis certo fluere alter tempore possit,  
qui queat aestivis solem detrudere signis  
brumalis usque ad flexus gelidumque rigorem,  
et qui reiciat gelidis a frigoris umbris

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Vat. Ver. Ven. *Accendi* Flor. 31 Camb. 3 Vat. Brix. Pont. Avanc. Nauger. *Accipere*  
Mar. Junt. Lamb.: see 11 1025.      610 *et. e* Lach. who will never tolerate *et* for  
*etiam.*      613 *Aestifer ut tantum* Flor. 31 3 Vat. Mar. Junt. for *Aestiferi ut tantum*  
B, *ut tantur A Nicc.* *Aestiferum ut tantum* Avanc. Lamb. etc. *Aestiferum tantum*  
Nauger.      614 *simplex et certa* Ed. for *simplex recta.* *simplex nec certa* Lamb.  
*simplex aut recta* Flor. 31 Camb. 3 Vat. *ac recta or et recta* others. *simplex relata*  
Lach. *reclusa* Bern.      617 *Cancri se* Lach. for *Canceris.*      632 *etenim* Lach.

aestiferas usque in partis et fervida signa.  
et ratione pari lunam stellasque putandumst,  
quae volvunt magnos in magnis orbibus annos,  
aeribus posse alternis e partibus ire. 645  
nonne vides etiam diversis nubila ventis  
diversas ire in partis inferna supernis?  
qui minus illa queant per magnos aetheris orbis  
aestibus inter se diversis sidera ferri?

At nox obruit ingenti caligine terras, 650  
aut ubi de longo cursu sol ultima caeli  
impulit atque suos efflavit languidus ignis  
concessos itere et labefactos aere multo,  
aut quia sub terras cursum convertere cogit  
vis eadem, supra quae terras pertulit orbem. 655

Tempore item certo roseam Matuta per oras  
aetheris auroram differt et lumina pandit,  
aut quia sol idem, sub terras ille revertens,  
anticipat caelum radiis accendere temptans,  
aut quia convenient ignes et semina multa 660  
confluere ardoris consuerunt tempore certo,  
quae faciunt solis nova semper lumina gigni;  
quod genus Idaeis fama est e montibus altis  
dispersos ignis orienti lumine cerni,  
inde coire globum quasi in unum et conficere orbem. 665  
nec tamen illud in his rebus mirabile debet  
esse, quod haec ignis tam certo tempore possunt  
semina confluere et solis reparare nitorem.  
multa videmus enim, certo quae tempore flunt  
omnibus in rebus. florescunt tempore certo 670  
arbusta et certo dimittunt tempore florem.  
nec minus in certo dentes cadere imperat aetas  
tempore et in pubem molli pubescere veste  
et pariter mollem malis demittere barbam.  
fulmina postremo nix imbres nubila venti 675

for *etiam*. 648 *illa* Flor. 31 Camb. Pont. Mar. for *ille*. 651 *sol ultima*  
Camb. Vat. 1136 and 1954 Othob. for *solvet ima caeli. sol extima* Flor. 31 Mar.  
Ald. 1 Junt. etc. Politian in marg. Flor. 29 has both *ultima* and *extima*.

656 *Matuta* Pont. Mar. Ald. 1 Junt. for *matura*. 667 *possunt* Lach. for  
*possit*. *possunt* vulg. contrary to the unvarying usage of Lucr. 675 *Fulmina*

non nimis incertis fiunt in partibus anni.  
 namque ubi sic fuerunt causarum exordia prima,  
 atque ita res mundi cecidere ab origine prima,  
 consequē quoque iam redeunt ex ordine certo.

Crescere itemque dies licet et tabescere noctes,  
 et minui luces, cum sumant augmina noctes,  
 aut quia sol idem sub terras atque superne  
 imparibus currens amfractibus aetheris oras  
 partit et in partis non aequas dividit orbem,  
 et quod ab alterutra detraxit parte, reponit  
 eius in adversa tanto plus parte relatus,  
 donec ad id signum caeli pervenit, ubi anni  
 nodus nocturnas exaequat lucibus umbras.  
 nam, medio cursu flatus aquilonis et austri,  
 distincte aequato caelum discrimine metas  
 propter signiferi posituram totius orbis,  
 annua sol in quo concludit tempora serpens,  
 obliquo terras et caelum lumine lustrans,  
 ut ratio declarat eorum qui loca caeli  
 omnia dispositis signis ornata notarunt.

aut quia crassior est certis in partibus aer,  
 sub terris ideo tremulum iubar haesitat ignis  
 nec penetrare potest facile atque emergere ad ortus.  
 propterea noctes hiberno tempore longae  
 cessant, dum veniat radiatum insigne diei.  
 aut etiam, quia sic alternis partibus anni  
 tardius et citius consuerunt confluere ignes  
 qui faciunt solem certa desurgere parte,  
 propterea fit uti videantur dicere verum

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Mar. Ald. 1 Junt. first for *Flumina*.

679 *Consequē quoque iam redeunt* Lach.  
 for *Consequiae quoque iam rerum*: a brilliant emendation. *Consequae* 2 Vat. Ver.  
 Ven. *Consequa natura est iam rerum* Flor. 31 Camb. 3 Vat. Mar. vulg. *Consequitur quoque iam series* Pont. 689—693 Lach. has quite causelessly altered  
 this passage in many points: 690 for *metas* he reads *metans* as Pont. before him:  
 [*caeli* Mar. for *caelum*:] 692 and 693 he inverts, 693 for *obliquo* he reads *obliqui*,  
 joining it with *orbis*: he will not have *serpens, lustrans* in apposition any more than  
 524 *euntis, pascentis*; or vi 1141 *veniens, ortus*, and 1260 *languiens, conveniens*;  
 though suchlike constructions are common in Lucr. and in Cicero's *Aratea* which  
 Lucr. often imitates. 692 *concludit* Lach. for *contudit*. *contundit* Mon. Brix.  
 vulg. 700 *diei* Nicc. for *dici*. 704 it seems to me manifest that the poet

Luna potest solis radiis percussa nitere  
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 inque dies magis *id lumen* convertere nobis  
 ad speciem, quantum solis secedit ab orbi,  
 donique eum contra pleno bene lumine fulsit  
 atque oriens obitus eius super edita vidit;  
 inde minutatim retro quasi condere lumen  
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 debet item, quanto propius iam solis ad ignem  
 labitur ex alia signorum parte per orbem;  
 ut faciunt, lunam qui fingunt esse pilai  
 consimilem cursusque viam sub sole tenere.  
 est etiam quare proprio cum lumine possit  
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 volvier et varias splendoris reddere formas.  
 corpus enim licet esse aliud quod fertur et una  
 labitur omnimodis occursans officiensque  
 nec potis est cerni, quia cassum lumine fertur.  
 versarique potest, globus ut, si forte, pilai  
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 dimidia ex parti candenti lumine tinctus,  
 versandoque globum variantis edere formas,  
 donique eam partem, quaecumque est ignibus aucta,  
 ad speciem vertit nobis oculosque patentis;  
 inde minutatim retro contorquet et aufert  
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 luciferam partem glomeraminis atque pilai;  
 ut Babylonica Chaldaeum doctrina refutans  
 astrologorum artem contra convincere tendit,  
 proinde quasi id fieri nequeat quod pugnat uterque  
 aut minus hoc illo sit cur amplectier ausis.  
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 denique cur nequeat semper nova luna creari  
 ordine formarum certo certisque figuris  
 inque dies privos aborisci quaeque creata

refers to 660—665, and that a verse is lost such as this, *Qui faciunt solis nova semper lumina gigni*: probably its resemblance to 703 caused its omission. Lach. strangely supposes the sentence complete and joins 704 with 703, as if anybody could ever deny that the sun rose in a certain quarter: 704 which by itself has no meaning was placed after 714 by Nauger, followed by all before Lach. 705  
*percussa* Flor. 31 Camb. before Lamb. for *perculta*. 706 *magis id lumen* Lach. for *magis lumen*. *magis hoc* Flor. 31. *maius* Mar. Ald. 1 Junt. vulg. *magis: et lumen* Pont. Nauger. 708 723 *Donique. Donicum* Lamb. wrongly in both places. 711 *iam* Mar. Ald. 1 Junt. for *tam.* 720 *ut, si forte. ut sit forte* Lach. after J. Dousa fil. ‘sine ulla causa et cum orationis sententiaeque detrimento’ says Madvig emend. Liv. p. 123. 727 *Babylonica* Flor. 31 Pont. Mar. for *Babylonisa*. *Chaldaeum* Avanc. *Chaldeum* AB. *Chaldeam* A corr. Nicc. Flor.

atque alia illius reparari in parte locoque,  
difficilest ratione docere et vincere verbis,  
ordine cum possint tam certo multa creari.735  
it ver et Venus, et Veneris praenuntius ante  
pennatus graditur, zephyri vestigia propter  
Flora quibus mater praespargens ante viai  
cuncta coloribus egregiis et odoribus opplet.740  
inde loci sequitur calor aridus et comes una  
pulverulenta Ceres et etesia flabra aquilonum.  
inde autumnus adit, graditur simul Euhius Euan.  
inde aliae tempestates ventique secuntur,  
altitonans Volturnus et austus fulmine pollens.745  
tandem bruma nives adfert pigrumque rigorem  
reddit: hiemps sequitur crepitans hanc dentibus alg.  
quo minus est mirum si certo tempore luna  
gignitur et certo deletur tempore rusus,  
cum fieri possint tam certo tempore multa.750

Solis item quoque defectus lunaeque latebras  
pluribus e causis fieri tibi posse putandumst.  
nam cur luna queat terram secludere solis  
lumine et a terris altum caput obstruere ei,  
obiciens caecum radiis ardentibus orbem;755  
tempore eodem aliud facere id non posse putetur  
corpus quod cassum labatur lumine semper?  
solque suos etiam dimittere languidus ignis  
tempore cur certo nequeat recreareque lumen,  
cum loca praeterit flammis infesta per auras,760  
quae faciunt ignis interstingui atque perire?

- 31 Camb. etc. 733 *aborisci*. *abolisci* AB. *abolesci* Mar. Junt. *aboriri* Brix. Pont. Avanc. *abolescere* Lamb. 736 *possint* added by Lach.: see 750: *videas* by Flor.  
 31 Camb. Mar. vulg. 737 *Veneris. veris* Pont. Bentl. Wak. Lach. 738.  
*zephyri. zephyrus* Pont. Mar. Ald. 1 Junt. vulgo Lach.: but see notes 2. 742  
*Pulverulenta Ceres* Pont. Mar. Ald. 1 Junt. for *Pulverunta Ceres.* et added by Mar. Ald. 1 Junt. 747 *Reddit* Flor. 31 Camb. for *redit.* *Prodit hiemps,* Lach. *crepitans* Flor. 31 Vat. Mon. Brix. for *creditans.* *hanc* B rightly. *ac A. accentibus alg* Nicc. Flor. 31 Camb. Mon. Vat. Junt. *algu* Bergk for *algi.* *algus* Lamb. *algor* Lach. 750 *fieri* Mar. Ald. 1 Junt. for *fieri.* *florere queant* one Vat.  
 753 *solis* Lamb. first for *possis.* *posces* Mar. Ald. 1 Junt. 761 *perire* Mar.  
 Ald. 1 Junt. for *periri.* Fleckeisen krit. miscellen p. 55 defends *periri* on the analogy of *fieri*, for which Ennius ann. 15 has *fiere*, and of *vēniri* sometimes used for *vēnire*: but the scribe was unconsciously misled by the other infinitive.

et cur terra queat lunam spoliare vicissim  
lumine et oppressum solem super ipsa tenere,  
menstrua dum rigidas coni perlabbitur umbras;  
tempore eodem aliut nequeat succurrere lunae      765  
corpus vel supra solis perlabier orbem,  
quod radios interrupat lumenque profusum?  
et tamen ipsa suo si fulget luna nitore,  
cur nequeat certa mundi languescere parte,  
dum loca luminibus propriis inimica per exit?      770

Quod superest, quoniam magni per caerulea mundi  
qua fieri quicquid posset ratione resolvi,  
solis uti varios cursus lunaeque meatus  
noscere possemus quae vis et causa cieret,      775  
quove modo possent effecto lumine obire  
et neque opinantis tenebris obducere terras,  
cum quasi conivent et aperto lumine rursum  
omnia convisunt clara loca candida luce,  
nunc redeo ad mundi novitatem et mollia terrae      780  
arva, novo fetu quid primum in luminis oras  
tollere et incertis crerint committere ventis.

Principio genus herbarum viridemque nitorem  
terra dedit circum collis camposque per omnis,  
florida fulserunt viridanti prata colore,      785  
arboribusque datumst variis exinde per auras  
crescendi magnum inmissis certamen habenis.  
ut pluma atque pili primum saetaeque creatur  
quadripedum membris et corpore pennipotentum,  
sic nova tum tellus herbas virgultaque primum      790  
sustulit, inde loci mortalia saecla creavit  
multa modis multis varia ratione coorta.  
nam neque de caelo cecidisse animalia possunt  
nec terrestria de salsis exisse lacunis.  
linquitur ut merito maternum nomen adepta  
terra sit, e terra quoniam sunt cuncta creata.      795  
multaque nunc etiam existunt animalia terris

768 *fulget. julgit* Lamb. Lach.      771 = 764.      776 *possent* added by  
Brix. *soleant* (not *valeant*) Flor. 31 Camb. Mar. Ald. 1 Junt. Nauger. Lamb. Gif.  
Creech Wak.      782 *Tolleret et Pont.* Mar. Ald. 1 Junt. for *Tolleret. crerint com-*  
*mittere* Orelli ecl. poet. Lat., Madvig in Henrichsen de frag. Gott. p. 36, Lach. all

imbribus et calido solis concreta vapore;  
 quo minus est mirum si tum sunt plura coorta  
 et maiora, nova tellure atque aethere adulta. 800  
 principio genus alituum variaeque volucres  
 ova relinquebant exclusae tempore verno,  
 folliculos ut nunc teretis aestate cicadae  
 lincunt sponte sua victimum vitamque petentes.  
 tum tibi terra dedit primum mortalia saecla. 805  
 multus enim calor atque umor superabat in arvis.  
 hoc ubi quaeque loci regio opportuna dabatur,  
 crescebant uteri terram radicibus apti;  
 quos ubi tempore maturo patefecerat aestus  
 infantum fugiens umorem aurasque petessens, 810  
 convertebat ibi natura foramina terrae  
 et sucum venis cogebat fundere apertis  
 consimilem lactis, sicut nunc femina quaeque  
 cum peperit, dulci repletur lacte, quod omnis  
 impetus in mammas convertitur ille alimenti. 815  
 terra cibum pueris, vestem vapor, herba cubile  
 praebebat multa et molli lanugine abundans.  
 at novitas mundi nec frigora dura ciebat  
 nec nimios aestus nec magnis viribus auras.  
 omnia enim pariter crescunt et robora sumunt. 820

Quare etiam atque etiam maternum nomen adepta  
 terra tenet merito, quoniam genus ipsa creavit  
 humanum atque animal prope certo tempore fudit  
 omne quod in magnis bacchatur montibu' passim,  
 aeriasque simul volucres variantibu' formis. 825  
 sed quia finem aliquam pariendi debet habere,  
 destitit, ut mulier spatio defessa vetusto.  
 mutat enim mundi naturam totius aetas  
 ex alioque aliis status excipere omnia debet,

three independently for *credunt committere*. tentaret credere Lamb. 800  
*maiora* Pont. Mar. Avanc. in notes at end of Catullus, Junt. for *maiore*. 805  
*primum*. passim Lach. without any necessity. 808 *terram* AB Nicc. rightly.  
*terrae* vulg. before Lach. 809 *aestus* Lach. for *aestas*. *aetas* Mar. Ald. 1 Junt.  
 vulg. 812 *Et* Flor. 31 Camb. for *Ut*. 823 *animal* Mar. Ald. 1 Junt. for  
*anima*. *animas* A corr. Nicc. all later mss. *animans* Wak.: but *animans* is female  
 in Luer. 824 *magnis* Flor. 31 Camb. Mon. Pont. for *magni*. 825

nec manet ulla sui similis res: omnia migrant, 830  
 omnia commutat natura et vertere cogit.  
 namque aliut putrescit et aevo debile languet,  
 porro aliut clarescit et e contemptibus exit.  
 sic igitur mundi naturam totius aetas  
 mutat et ex alio terram status excipit alter: 835  
 quod potuit nequit, ut possit quod non tulit ante.

Multaque tum tellus etiam portenta creare  
 conatast mira facie membrisque coorta,  
 androgynum, interutrasque nec utrum, utrimque remotum,  
 orba pedum partim, manuum viduata vicissim, 840  
 muta sine ore etiam, sine voltu caeca reperta,  
 vinctaque membrorum per totum corpus adhaesu,  
 nec facere ut possent quicquam nec cedere quoquam  
 nec vitare malum nec sumere quod foret usus.  
 cetera de genere hoc monstrarunt ac portenta creabant, 845  
 nequicquam, quoniam natura absterruit auctum  
 nec potuere cupitum aetatis tangere florem  
 nec reperire cibum nec iungi per Veneris res.  
 multa videmus enim rebus concurrere debere,  
 ut propagando possint procudere saecla; 850  
 pabula primum ut sint, genitalia deinde per artus  
 semina qua possint membris manare remissis;  
 feminaque ut maribus coniungi possit, habere  
 mutua qui mutent inter se gaudia uterque.

Multaque tum interiisse animantium saecla necesserent 855  
 nec potuisse propagando procudere prolem.  
 nam quaecumque vides vesci vitalibus auris,  
 aut dolus aut virtus aut denique mobilitas est

*Aeriasque Mar. Ald. 1 Junt. for Aeriaeque.* 833 *clarescit Lach. for crescit:* he  
 also suggests *succrescit*, which may be right: or *tum crescit. concrescit* Ald. 1 Junt.  
 not Pont. or Mar. *e* added by Mar. Ald. 1 Junt. 836 *Quod potuit nequit,*  
*ut Ed. for Quod potuit nequeat. potest ut nequeat Lach. tulit ut Bentl.* 838  
*facie Flor. 31 Brix. for facit.* 839 *interutrasque, interutraque Lach. Andro-*  
*gynum, interutraque nec utrum, utrimque remotum Lach.* most acutely for *Androgynum*  
*inter utras nec utramque utrumque remotum. Androgynum interutra neutrumque*  
*utrinque remotum Mar.: utrinque is in Brix.* 841 *Muta Nauger. for Multa.*  
 844 *foret usus Lamb. for volet usus, as iv 831.* 852 *remissis. remissa*  
*Lach.* 853 *coniungi possit, habere. coniungi possit avere Lach.:* a most  
 awkward phrase: the wish of the female is not important. 854 *Mutua qui*

ex ineunte aevo genus id tutata reservans.  
 multaque sunt, nobis ex utilitate sua quae  
 commendata manent, tutelae tradita nostrae.  
 principio genus acre leonum saevasque saecla  
 tutast virtus, volpes dolus et fuga cervos.  
 at levisomna canum fido cum pectore corda  
 et genus omne quod est veterino semine partum  
 lanigeraeque simul pecudes et bucera saecla  
 omnia sunt hominum tutelae tradita, Memmi.  
 nam cupide fugere feras pacemque secuta  
 sunt et larga suo sine pabula parta labore,  
 quae damus utilitatis eorum praemia causa.  
 at quis nil horum tribuit natura, nec ipsa  
 sponte sua possent ut vivere nec dare nobis  
 utilitatem aliquam quare pateremur eorum  
 praesidio nostro pasci genus esseque tutum,  
 scilicet haec aliis praedae lucroque iacebant  
 indupedita suis fatalibus omnia vinclis,  
 donec ad interitum genus id natura redigit.  
 Sed neque Centauri fuerunt, nec tempore in ullo  
 esse queunt duplici natura et corpore bino  
 ex alienigenis membris compacta, potestas  
 hinc illinc visque ut non sat par esse potissit.  
 id licet hinc quamvis hebeti cognoscere corde.  
 principio circum tribus actis impiger annis  
 floret ecus, puer hautquaquam; nam saepe etiam nunc  
 ubera mammarum in somnis lactantia quaeret.

mutent Bern. for *Mutua qui metuent.* *Mutua quis necent* Mar. Ald. 1 Junt. necent  
 Nauger. Lamb. *Mutuaque insinuent* Lach. 859 *tutata* Brix. Pont. Mar. Ald. 1  
 Junt. for *tuta.* 863 *et fuga* B Avanc. *ut fuga* A Nicc. Mon. Junt. 865  
*veterino* Nonius Pont. Mar. Avanc. Junt. *veteri non* mss. 868 *secuta* Lamb.  
 in errata to ed. 3 first for *secutae.* 871 *nil* Pont. Mar. Ald. 1 Junt. for *ni* A, in  
 B. 880 *potestas* Hinc illinc visq. ut non sat par esse potissit Ed. for *potestas*  
*Hinc illinc par vis ut non sat* (B, sit A) *pars esse potissit:* *par* I assume was written  
 in the margin to take the place of the unmeaning *pars*, and thus got into the text:  
 so above 117 *pars esse* mss. for *par esse*; and II 1017 *par* for *pars.* p. H. i. *partis ut*  
*si par e. p.* Lach. which I hardly understand. Lamb. reads *queat* for *queunt* after  
 Mar. Ald. 1 and Junt. joining *potestas* with what precedes, and ed. 3 has *Hinc*  
*illinc par vis ut non sic esse potissit.* p. H. i. *parilis quis non superesse potissit*  
 Bern. 884 *hautquaquam* Nicc. for *hautquamquam.* *nam om.* A Nicc. and  
 later mss.: hence *quia* Avanc. *quin* Mar. Junt. Lamb. etc. *haut ita quamquam*

post ubi ecum validae vires aetate senecta  
 membraque deficiunt fugienti languida vita,  
 tum demum puero illi aevo florente iuventas  
 occipit et molli vestit lanugine malas.

ne forte ex homine et veterino semine equorum      890  
 confieri credas Centauros posse neque esse,  
 aut rabidis canibus succinctas semimarinis  
 corporibus Scyllas et cetera de genere horum,  
 inter se quorum discordia membra videmus;  
 quae neque florescunt pariter nec robora sumunt      895  
 corporibus neque proiciunt aetate senecta  
 nec simili Venere ardescunt nec moribus unis  
 conveniunt, neque sunt eadem iucunda per artus.  
 quippe videre licet pinguescere saepe cicuta  
 barbigeras pecudes, homini quae est acre venenum.      900  
 flamma quidem *vero* cum corpora fulva leonum  
 tam soleat torrere atque urere quam genus omne  
 visceris in terris quodcumque et sanguinis extet,  
 qui fieri potuit, triplici cum corpore ut una,  
 prima leo, postrema draco, media ipsa, Chimaera      905  
 ore foras acrem flaret de corpore flammam?  
 quare etiam tellure nova caeloque recenti  
 talia qui fingit potuisse animalia gigni,  
 nixus in hoc uno novitatis nomine inani,  
 multa licet simili ratione effutiat ore,      910  
 aurea tum dicat per terras flumina vulgo  
 fluxisse et gemmis florere arbusta suësse  
 aut hominem tanto membrorum esse impete natum,  
 trans maria alta pedum nisus ut ponere posset  
 et manibus totum circum se vertere caelum.      915  
 nam quod multa fuere in terris semina rerum

Flor. 31 Camb.      885 *lactantia* Flor. 31 Mon. Ver. Ven. for *laetantia*. *quaeret.*  
*quaerit* Mon. Pont. Ald. 1 Junt. Lamb.      888 *puero illi* Ed. for *puerili*. *pueris*  
 Avanc. Lamb. Lach.; perhaps Lucre. wrote *puero li*.      889 *Occipit* Mar. Ald. 1  
 Junt. for *Officit*.      892 *rabidis* Heins. in ms. notes, and Bentl. for *rapidis*: see  
 iv 712.      896 *proiciunt* Lamb. in notes to ed. 2 and in ed. 3, after Turnebus, for  
*proficiunt*.      901 *vero* added by Ald. 1 Junt. (not Pont. or Mar.) vulg. *Denique*  
*f. q.* Lach. *Ardua, Ignea* others.      904 *ut una* Brix. Pont. Avanc. for *ut unam*.  
*iuncta* Mar. Junt.      906 *foras* Nauger. for *feras*. *ferox* Pont. Junt. *ferens*  
 Mar.      914 *ponere* B corr. Mar. Junt. for *pondere*. *pandere* Avanc.      923

tempore quo primum tellus animalia fudit,  
 nil tamen est signi mixtas potuisse creari  
 inter se pecudes compactaque membra animantium,  
 propterea quia quae de terris nunc quoque abundant 920  
 herbarum genera ac fruges arbustaque laeta  
 non tamen inter se possunt complexa creari;  
 sed res quaeque suo ritu procedit et omnes  
 foedere naturae certo discrimina servant.

At genus humanum multo fuit illud in arvis 925  
 durius, ut decuit, tellus quod dura creasset,  
 et maioribus et solidis magis ossibus intus  
 fundatum, validis aptum per viscera nervis,  
 nec facile ex aestu nec frigore quod caperetur  
 nec novitate cibi nec labi corporis ulla. 930  
 multaque per caelum solis volventia lustra  
 volgivago vitam tractabant more ferarum.  
 nec robustus erat curvi moderator aratri  
 quisquam, nec scibat ferro molirier arva  
 nec nova defodere in terram virgulta neque altis 935  
 arboribus veteres decidere falcib' ramos.  
 quod sol atque imbre dederant, quod terra crearat  
 sponte sua, satis id placabat pectora donum.  
 glandiferas inter curabant corpora quercus  
 plerumque; et quae nunc hiberno tempore cernis 940  
 arbita puniceo fieri matura colore,  
 plurima tum tellus etiam maiora ferebat.  
 multaque praeterea novitas tum florida mundi  
 pabula dura tulit, miseris mortalibus ampla.  
 at sedare sitim fluvii fontesque vocabant, 945  
 ut nunc montibus e magnis decursus aquai  
 claru' citat late sitientia saecla ferarum.  
 denique nota vagi silvestria templa tenebant

*Sed res quaeque* Ed. for *Sed si quaeque*. *Sed sic quodque* Mar. (*sic* Pont.). *Res sic* Lamb. *Sed vis* Lach. 925 *At* Lach. for *Et*; and the change seems necessary. 934 *molirier* Brix. *Junt.* for *mollerier*. *mollirier* Pont. Mar. as A corr. 944 *dura* Vat. 3276 Nauger. for *dira*: a certain correction. *dia* Avanc. 947 *Claru' citat late* Forbiger for *Claricitati a te. Clarior accitat* Flor. 31 2 Vat. Mar. Ald. 1 Junt. Lamb. ed. 1 and 2. *Claricitat late* Lamb. ed. 3 after Sim. Bosius. *Clarior invitat* Politian in marg. Flor. 29. *Clarigitat late* Lach. who sneers at Forbiger: but see notes 2. 948 *nota vagi silvestria* Lach.

- nympharum, quibus e scibant umori' fluenta  
 lubrica proluvie larga lavere umida saxa,950  
 umida saxa, super viridi stillantia musco,  
 et partim plano scatere atque erumpere campo.  
 neendum res igni scibant tractare neque uti  
 pellibus et spoliis corpus vestire ferarum,  
 sed nemora atque cavos montis silvasque colebant955  
 et frutices inter condebant squalida membra  
 verbera ventorum vitare imbrisque coacti.  
 nec commune bonum poterant spectare neque ullis  
 moribus inter se scibant nec legibus uti.  
 quod cuique obtulerat praedae fortuna, ferebat960  
 sponte sua sibi quisque valere et vivere doctus.  
 et Venus in silvis iungebat corpora amantum;  
 conciliabat enim vel mutua quamque cupido  
 vel violenta viri vis atque inpensa libido  
 vel pretium, glandes atque arbita vel pira lecta.965  
 et manuum mira freti virtute pedumque  
 consecabantur silvestria saecla ferarum  
 975 missilibus saxis et magno pondere clavae;  
 968 multaque vincebant, vitabant pauca latebris;970  
 saetigerisque pares subu' sic silvestria membra  
 nuda dabant terrae nocturno tempore capti,  
 circum se foliis ac frondibus involventes.  
 nec plangore diem magno solemque per agros  
 quaerebant pavidi palantes noctis in umbris,

for *n. vagis s. noctivayi* Nauger. (not Junt.) vulg. *nocte vagi* Bentl. 949 *quibus*  
*escibant* AB Vat. 1706 Reg. ('Nic. Heinsii'). *quibus e scibant* Lach. first after them.  
*aestibant* Nicc. *excibant* Camb. Pont. *exibant* Flor. 31. *umori'* Bentl. Lach. for  
*umore*. 962 *iungebat* Nicc. for *lugebat*. *lugebat* (*iungebat*) Ver. Ven. 968 (975)  
 first brought to this place by Nauger. not Avanc. who like Mar. and Junt. places it  
 after 961. 970 *subu' sic silvestria* Ed. for *subus silvestria*: *sic* could easily fall  
 out in this position. *suibus* Camb. Ver. Ven. vulg.; but Luer. uses *sūbus* in vi 974  
 977: Luc. Mueller de re metr. p. 350 defends *sūbus*, from Varro Eumen. 22 *An*  
*colubrae an volvae de Albuci subus Athenis*. Lach. deals with this passage in a most  
 arbitrary way: he splits 970 (969) into two verses, supposes the end of one and the  
 beginning of the other to be lost and inserts 968 (975) between them: thus *S. p. s.*  
*[ardorique leonum]* *M. s. e. m. p. c.* [*Inde cavis temere abiecti*] *s. m.:* a more uncon-  
 vincing note than his I never read, or more sophistical objections to the present  
 text. 971 *Nuda dabant* Lamb. ed. 3 first for *Nudabant* which Wak. indignantly  
 restores, making these simple sons of earth unclothe their naked limbs and rival the

- 974 sed taciti respectabant somnoque sepulti, 975  
 976 dum rosea face sol inferret lumina caelo.  
 a parvis quod enim consuerant cernere semper  
 alterno tenebras et lucem tempore gigni,  
 non erat ut fieri posset mirarier umquam  
 nec diffidere ne terras aeterna teneret 980  
 nox in perpetuum detracto lumine solis.  
 sed magis illud erat curae, quod saecla ferarum  
 infestam miseris faciebant saepe quietem.  
 electique domo fugiebant saxea tecta  
 spumigeri suis adventu validique leonis 985  
 atque intempesta cedebant nocte paventes  
 hospitibus saevis instrata cubilia fronde.  
 Nec nimio tum plus quam nunc mortalia saecla  
 dulcia linquebant labentis lumina vitae.  
 unus enim tum quisque magis deprensus eorum 990  
 pabula viva feris praebebat, dentibus haustus,  
 et nemora ac montis gemitu silvasque replebat  
 viva videns vivo sepeliri viscera busto.  
 at quos effugium servarat corpore adeso,  
 posterius tremulas super ulcera taetra tenentes 995  
 palmas horriferis accibant vocibus Orcum,  
 donique eos vita privarant vermina saeva  
 expertis opis, ignaros quid volnera vellent.  
 at non multa virum sub signis milia ducta  
 una dies dabat exitio nec turbida ponti 1000  
 aequora fligebant navis ad saxa virosque.  
 hic temere incassum frustra mare saepe coortum  
 saevibat leviterque minas ponebat inanis,

famed exploit of Prince Vortigern's grandsire. 976 *rosea* Flor. 31 Brix. Pont.  
 Mar. for *rotea*. 984 *Eiectique* Flor. 31 Camb. etc. for *Electique* B, *Et lectique*  
 A Nicc. 985 *validique.* *validive* Lach.; but comp. 987 *Hospitibus saevis* in  
 plur. 989 *labentis* Muretus Lamb. Lach. for *lamentis*. 993 *vivo* Flor. 31  
 Camb. Mon. etc. for *vino*. 995 *ulcera* Flor. 31 Camb. Mar. for *vicerat*. *viscera*  
 A corr. Nicc. Ver. Ven. 997 *Donique* Is. Voss. in ms. notes, Lach. for *Denique*.  
*Doniquom* Heins. in ms. notes. *Donec* Mar. Junt. *Donicum* Lamb. 1001  
*fligebant* Lach. for *lidebant*. *ledebant* A corr. Camb. Mon. Ver. Ven. *laedbant* vulg.  
*lidebant* may be from Lucr.: see notes 2. 1002 *Hic* Lach. for *Nec*. *Sed*  
 Lamb. The rest of this verse is quite causelessly altered by Mar. Junt. Lamb.  
 1003 *ponebat* Mar. Ald. 1 Junt. for *potebas*. *poscebat* Flor. 31 Camb. 1006

nec poterat quemquam placidi pellacia ponti  
subdola pellicere in fraudem ridentibus undis,      1005  
improba naucleri ratio cum caeca iacebat.

tum penuria deinde cibi languentia leto  
membra dabat, contra nunc rerum copia mersat.  
illi imprudentes ipsi sibi saepe venenum  
vergebant, nurui nunc dant sollertius ipsi.      1010

Inde casas postquam ac pellis ignemque pararunt,  
et mulier coniuneta viro concessit in unum

cognita sunt, prolemque ex se videre creatam,  
tum genus humanum primum mollescere coepit.

ignis enim curavit ut alsia corpora frigus      1015

non ita iam possent caeli sub tegmine ferre,

et Venus inminuit viris puerique parentum  
blanditiis facile ingenium fregere superbum.

tunc et amicitiem coeperunt iungere aventes  
finitimi inter se nec laedere nec violari,      1020

et pueros commendarunt muliebreque saeclum,  
vocibus et gestu cum balbe significant

imbecillorum esse aecum misererier omnis.

nec tamen omnimodis poterat concordia gigni,

*naucleri ratio cum* Ed. for *navigii ratio tum*. The v. is ejected by Lach. as spurious: the ri of *naucleri* was absorbed in *ratio*; and then the corruption was easy.

1008 *dabat* Flor. 31 Camb. for *daeat* B, *deant* A. *dedant* Nicc. Ver. Ven.      1009  
*Illi imprudentes* Mar. Ald. 1 Junt. for *Illi prudentes*.      1010 *nurui nunc dant soller-*  
*tius ipsi* Ed. for *nudant sollertius ipsi*, the scribe having omitted the similar letters:  
*ipsi* is dat.; see notes 2. *nuptis nunc dant sollertia sponsi* Ed. in small ed.      1011  
*nunc se nudant s. ipsi* Lach. which can hardly be right. *nunc dant letum sol. ipso* Mar.  
*nunc dant aliis sol. ipsi* Junt. vulg. and Ed. in ed. 1; but *ipsi* is then solecistic.

1011 *casas* Flor. 31 Camb. Mon. Brix. Pont. for *cassas*. *pellis (pelles)* Mon. Brix.  
Ver. Ven. for *pellus*. *pelvis* Flor. 31 Camb.      1012 a verse is lost here of this  
nature *Hospitium, ac lecti socialia iura duobus:* see notes 2. Mar. Ald. 1 Junt. vulg.  
give *Castaque privatae Veneris connubia laeta.*      1013 *Cognita sunt. Conubium*  
Lach. *Coniugium Bern.*      1016 *ferre* Flor. 31 Camb. Pont. Mar. for *ferri*.

1019 *amicitiam* A Nicc. Flor. 31 Camb. Gif. *amicitiam* B Mon. Avanc. at end of  
Catullus, Junt. Lamb. *aventes Finitimi inter se. habentes* A corr. Nicc. Flor. 31  
Camb. etc. *Finitim* A Nicc. Ver. Ven.: hence though Mar. Junt. rightly read  
*aventes*, yet Nauger. Lamb. Creech Wak. vulg. before Lach. keep the absurd *ha-*  
*bentes*. *Finitima* Brix. Pont. Ald. 1 Nauger. Lamb. vulg. but *Finitimi* B Camb.  
Mar. rightly. *violari* Lach. for *violare*.      1023 *omnis (omneis)* Mar. Junt. for  
*omni*: a certain correction, yet strange to say Nauger. Lamb. etc. have adopted the

sed bona magna pars servabat foedera caste: 1025  
 aut genus humanum iam tum foret omne peremptum  
 nec potuisset adhuc perducere saecla propago.

At varios linguae sonitus natura subegit  
 mittere et utilitas expressit nomina rerum,  
 non alia longe ratione atque ipsa videtur 1030  
 protrahere ad gestum pueros infantia linguae,  
 cum facit ut digito quae sint praesentia monstrant.  
 sentit enim vim quisque suam quoad possit abuti.  
 cornua nata prius vitulo quam frontibus extent,  
 illis iratus petit atque infestus inurget. 1035  
 at catuli pantherarum seymnique leonum  
 unguibus ac pedibus iam tum morsuque repugnant,  
 vix etiam cum sunt dentes unguesque creati.  
 alituum porro genus alis omne videmus  
 fidere et a pinnis tremulum petere auxiliatum. 1040  
 proinde putare aliquem tum nomina distribuisse  
 rebus et inde homines didicisse vocabula prima,  
 desperest. nam cur hic posset cuncta notare  
 vocibus et varios sonitus emittere linguae,  
 tempore eodem alii facere id non quisse putentur? 1045  
 praeterea si non alii quoque vocibus usi  
 inter se fuerant, unde insita notities est  
 utilitatis et unde data est huic prima potestas,  
 quid vellet facere ut sciret animoque videret?

*omnium* of one Vat. and Ald. 1 1025 *caste* Flor. 31 for *casti*. *servabant casti*  
 Mar. Junt. Lamb. vulg. contrary to usage of Lucer. 1032 *monstrent* Mar. or  
 Mon. and Junt. for *monstret*. Flor. 30 has the mark of *n* over the *e*, but whether  
 from the hand of Nicc. I could not tell. 1033 *vim* Brix. (?) Ver. Ven. Avanc.  
 for *vis*. *vi...sua* Flor. 31 Mar. Junt. *vis...suas* Luc. Mueller de re metr. p. 382,  
 perhaps rightly: comp. II 586 III 265. *quod* i.e. *quoad* AB. *quam* Avanc. Lamb.  
 in all 3 eds. Creech etc.: Lamb. says in his notes that he had once thought of *quoad*,  
 but much preferred *quam*. 1035 *infestus* Flor. 31 Mar. Junt. Nauger. Wak.  
 Lach. for *infessus*. *infensus* Mon. Pont. Avanc. Lamb.: but *infestus* is a Lucretian  
 word, *infensus* not 1038 *Vix etiam cum* Mar. Junt. for *Vix tiam cum* B, *Vix*  
*iam cum* A Nicc. etc. *Vix quoque iam cum* Flor. 31. *Vix iam etiam cum* Avanc.  
*Vix iam cum ipsis* Pont. Nauger. Lamb. ed. 1 and 2; *Vix dum etiam cum* ed. 3.

1039 *porro* Ald. 1 Junt. for *proporro*. 1040 *pinnis* B, *pennis* A Nonius Nicc.  
 (*v*I 834 *pinnarum* A, *pennarum* B). 1048 *Utilitatis et* Mar. Avanc. Junt. for  
*Utilitas et*. Ald. 1 has the misprint *Utilitatis etiam*, but Avanc. corrects it at end  
 of his Catullus. Lach. takes no notice of this and similar corrections, though his

- cogere item pluris unus victosque domare 1050  
 non poterat, rerum ut perdiscere nomina vellent.  
 nec ratione docere ulla suadereque surdis,  
 quid sit opus facto, facilest; neque enim paterentur  
 nec ratione ulla sibi ferrent amplius auris  
 vocis inauditos sonitus obtundere frustra. 1055  
 postremo quid in hac mirabile tantoperest re,  
 si genus humanum, cui vox et lingua vigeret,  
 pro vario sensu varia res voce notaret?  
 cum pecudes mutae, cum denique saecla ferarum  
 dissimilis soleant voces variasque ciere, 1060  
 cum metus aut dolor est et cum iam gaudia gliscunt.  
 quippe etenim licet id rebus cognoscere apertis.  
 irritata canum cum primum magna Molossum  
 mollia recta fremunt duros nudantia dentes,  
 longe alio sonitu rabie restricta minantur, 1065  
 et cum iam latrant et vocibus omnia complent.  
 et catulos blande cum lingua lambere temptant  
 aut ubi eos iactant pedibus morsuque petentes  
 suspensis teneros imitantur dentibus haustus,  
 longe alio pacto gannitu vocis adulant, 1070  
 et cum deserti baubantur in aedibus aut cum

own Catullus shews that he knew the edition of Avanc. 1049 Avanc. followed by Lamb. Lach. etc. but not by Junt. or Nauger. has corrupted the sense by reading *Quid vellet, facere ut scirent animoque viderent*: on comparing what precedes and follows, it is manifest that the construction must be the same as 183 *Quid vellet facere ut scirent*: first he, like the gods there, had to know what he wanted himself; then item 1050 to make others to know. *scirēt* is like *fulgēt* in 1127. 1053 *Quid sit opus facto facilest* Lach. for *facile si*. *faciles neque enim* Flor. 31 Camb. Mar. Ald. 1 Junt. Lamb. ed. 1 and 2; but ed. 3 *Quid facto esset opus; neque enim faciles*: a violent change; but his knowledge of Latin taught him that in the old reading *sit* and the position of *neque enim* were quite indefensible. 1058 *varia res* Bentl. for *varias res*: the attraction of *res* has caused the error: 1090 *alia re* mss. for *alia res*. 1062 *licet id rebus* Lach. after Gif. in note for *licet in rebus*. *id licet e rebus* Lamb. 1063 *magna. inmane* Lach. without cause. 1064 *fremunt* Mar. Ald. 1 Junt. for *premunt. tremunt* Nonius. 1065 *aliò* Flor. 31 Camb. Mar. etc. for *alia. rabie restricta* Lach. for *rabie stricta. rabies distracta* Flor. 31 Camb. 2 Vat. Mar. *rabie distracta* Pont. Lamb. *rabie distracta* 2 Vat. Nauger. *minantur* Pont. Nauger. for *minatur*. 1067 *Et* Lach. for *At* which even Lamb. retains. 1068 *iactant* Nauger. for *lactant. petentes* Flor. 31 Mon. Ver. Ven. etc. for *potentes. patente* Is. Voss. in ms. notes. 1069 *teneros imitantur. veros imitantur* Faber in notes. *tencros minitantur* Lach.: but they refine

plorantis fugiunt summisso corpore plagas.  
 denique non hinnitus item differre videtur,  
 inter equas ubi equus florenti aetate iuvencus  
 pinnigeri saevit calcaribus ictus amoris,  
 et fremitum patulis ubi naribus edit ad arma,  
 et cum sic alias concussis artibus hinnit?  
 postremo genus alitum variaeque volucres,  
 accipitres atque ossifragae mergique marinis  
 fluctibus in salso victum vitamque petentes,  
 longe alias alio iaciunt in tempore voces,  
 et quom de victu certant praedaeque repugnant.  
 et partim mutant cum tempestatibus una  
 raucisonos cantus, cornicum ut saecula vetusta  
 corvorumque greges ubi aquam dicuntur et imbris  
 poscere et interdum ventos aurasque vocare.  
 ergo si varii sensus animalia cogunt,  
 muta tamen cum sint, varias emittere voces,  
 quanto mortalis magis aecumst tum potuisse  
 dissimilis alia atque alia res voce notare!

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[Illud in his rebus tacitus ne forte requiras,  
 fulmen detulit in terram mortalibus ignem  
 primitus, inde omnis flamarum diditur ardor.  
 multa videmus enim caelestibus inlita flammis  
 fulgere, cum caeli donavit plaga vapore.  
 et ramosa tamen cum ventis pulsa vacillans  
 aestuat in ramos incumbens arboris arbor,  
 exprimitur validis extritus viribus ignis

1095

too much I think, nor do I see any real difference in sense between *imitantur* and *mimitantur*. 1071 *deserti baubantur* Nonius Nicc. for *desertibus aubantur*, i.e. *deserti b. aubantur*, AB: so vi 1241 *Poenibus at*: Aen. xi 572 *Nutribus at P.* 1076 *patulis ubi naribus* Lach. for *patulis sub naribus*: this slight change I adopt, but with hesitation for other reasons and also on account of the apparent imitation of Virgil georg. iii 85 *Collectumque fremens volvit sub naribus ignem*: ‘turpe et ob-scenum loquendi genus’ really comes to nothing: Aen. xi 736 *At non in Venerem segnes nocturnaque bella*; georg. iii 98 *siquando ad proelia ventum est*, and the like are quite as coarse. 1080 *salso*. *salsis* Lamb. tacitly. 1082 *praedaeque* Avanc. rightly for *praedataque*. *praedaeque* A corr. Nicc. vulg. 1084 *ut* Nauger. for *et*. Ald. 1 Junt. omit the word; and also Mar., but he changes *ubi* of next v. to *uti*. 1088 *Muta* Flor. 31 Mar. Ald. 1 Junt. for *Multa*. 1090 *res* Nicc. for *re*: comp. n. to 1058. 1094 *inlita* Lach. for *insita*. *incita* Mar. Junt. vulg. 1095 *vapore* Lach. for *vaporis*. *vapores* vulg. *vare* Nonius. 1096 *Et* Mar.

et micat interdum flammai fervidus ardor,  
mutua dum inter se rami stirpesque teruntur. 1100  
quorum utrumque dedisse potest mortalibus ignem.  
inde cibum coquere ac flammae mollire vapore  
sol docuit, quoniam mitescere multa videbant  
verberibus radiorum atque aestu victa per agros.  
Inque dies magis hi victum vitamque priorem  
commutare novis monstrabant rebu' benigni,  
ingenio qui praestabant et corde vigebant.  
condere coeperunt urbis arcemque locare  
praesidium reges ipsi sibi perfugiumque,  
et pecus atque agros divisere atque dedere 1110  
pro facie cuiusque et viribus ingenioque;  
nam facies multum valuit viresque vigentes.  
posterior res inventast aurumque repertum,  
quod facile et validis et pulchris dempsit honorem;  
divitioris enim sectam plerumque secuntur 1115  
quamlibet et fortes et pulchro corpore creti.  
quod si quis vera vitam ratione gubernet,  
divitiae grandes homini sunt vivere parce  
aequo animo; neque enim est umquam penuria parvi.  
at claros homines voluerunt se atque potentes, 1120  
ut fundamento stabili fortuna maneret  
et placidam possent opulentii degere vitam,  
nequicquam, quoniam ad summum succedere honorem  
certantes iter infestum fecere viai,  
et tamen e summo, quasi fulmen, deicit ictos 1125  
invidia interdum contemptim in Tartara taetra;

Junt. for *Ut.* 1099 *Et micat* Mar. Ald. 1 Junt. for *Emicat* which Lamb. in  
errata to ed. 3 wrongly restores. 1102 *coquere.* quoq; uere A, coq. uere B,  
*quoquere* Nicc. and Lach. 1105 *hi* *victum* Nauger. for *invictum.* et *victum*  
Mar. Ald. 1 Junt. 1106 *rebu' benigni* Lach. for *rebus et igni.* 1110 *Et*  
*pecus atque agros* Lach. for *Et pecudes atque agros:* comp. 1291 where for *pecus* B  
has *pecudes.* *Et pecudes et agros* Flor. 31 Camb. Pont. Mar. vulg. *divisere atque*  
*dedere* Pont. Mar. Ald. 1 Junt. for *diviseratque debere.* *divisim ut quisquis haberet*  
Camb. 1112 *viresque vigentes* Faber in notes for *viresque vigebant.* *viresque*  
*rigorque* Lach.: *vigebant* he says has come from 1107: clearly *vires* *vigebant* could  
only mean 'their strength was then in its vigour': a meaning here quite out of  
place. 1116 *creti* Flor. 31 Camb. Brix. Ver. Ven. Mar. for *certi.* 1120 is  
much corrupted by Lamb. 1124 *Certantes iter* Mar. Ald. 1 Junt. for *Certan-*

- 1131 invidia quoniam, ceu fulmine, summa vaporant  
plerumque et quae sunt aliis magis edita cumque; 1130
- 1127 ut satius multo iam sit parere quietum  
quam regere imperio res velle et regna tenere.  
proinde sine incassum defessi sanguine sudent,  
angustum per iter luctantes ambitionis;
- 1133 quandoquidem sapiunt alieno ex ore petuntque  
res ex auditis potius quam sensibus ipsis,  
nec magis id nunc est neque erit mox quam fuit ante.  
Ergo regibus occisis subversa iacebat 1136  
pristina maiestas soliorum et sceptralia superba,  
et capitis summi paeclarum insigne cruentum  
sub pedibus vulgi magnum lugebat honorem;  
nam cupide conculcatur nimis ante metutum. 1140
- res itaque ad summam faecem turbasque redibat,  
imperium sibi cum ac summatum quisque petebat.  
inde magistratum partim docuere creare  
iuraque constituere, ut vellent legibus uti.  
nam genus humanum, defessum vi colere aevom, 1145  
ex inimicitiis languebat; quo magis ipsum  
sponte sua cecidit sub leges artaque iura.  
acrius ex ira quod enim se quisque parabat  
ulcisci quam nunc concessumst legibus aequis,  
hanc ob rem est homines pertaesum vi colere aevom. 1150  
inde metus maculat poenarum praemia vitae.  
circumretit enim vis atque iniuria quemque  
atque, unde exortast, ad eum plerumque revertit,  
nec facilest placidam ac pacatam degere vitam  
qui violat factis communia foedera pacis. 1155  
etsi fallit enim divom genus humanumque,  
perpetuo tamen id fore clam diffidere debet;

*tesque inter: iter* Flor. 31 Brix. Pont. before them. 1127 1128 (1131 1132) I  
have brought to this place: Lach. puts them after 1135. 1128 *aliis* Lamb. for  
*altis.* 1131 *sine* Flor. 31 Camb. 3 Vat. Mar. for *side.* 1141 *redibat* Flor.  
31 Mar. Ald. 1 Junt. for *recidat.* 1145 *vi colere* Flor. 31 Camb. Mar. for  
*vicere A, vigere B, vincere Nicc.: comp.* 1150. 1151 *Inde. Unde* Mar.  
Junt. Lamb. etc. Gif. attributes *inde* to Marullus, from a confusion prob.  
between the *Inde* which Ven. rightly has, and Marullus' change to *Unde.*  
1152 *vis* Camb. Brix. Mar. for *ius.* *circumretitae nimis* Pont. and so in dark ink  
on an erasure in Mon.; but *enim vis* is written over in a paler ink, like that most

quippe ubi se multi per somnia saepe loquentes  
aut morbo delirantes protraxe ferantur  
et celata *mala* in medium et peccata dedisse.] 1160

Nunc quae causa deum per magnas numina gentis  
pervulgarit et ararum compleverit urbis  
suscipiendaque curarit sollemnia sacra,  
quae nunc in magnis florent sacra rebu' locisque,  
unde etiam nunc est mortalibus insitus horror 1165  
qui delubra deum nova toto suscitat orbi  
terrarum et festis cogit celebrare diebus,  
non ita difficilest rationem reddere verbis.  
quippe etenim iam tum divom mortalia saecla  
egregias animo facies vigilante videbant 1170  
et magis in somnis mirando corporis auctu.  
his igitur sensum tribuebant propterea quod  
membra movere videbantur vocesque superbas  
mittere pro facie paeclaras et viribus amplis.  
aeternamque dabant vitam, quia semper eorum 1175  
subpeditabatur facies et forma manebat,  
et tamen omnino quod tantis viribus auctos  
non temere ulla vi convinci posse putabant.  
fortunisque ideo longe praestare putabant,  
quod mortis timor haut quemquam vexaret eorum, 1180  
et simul in somnis quia multa et mira videbant  
efficere et nullum capere ipsos inde laborem.  
praeterea caeli rationes ordine certo  
et varia annorum cernebant tempora verti  
nec poterant quibus id fieret cognoscere causis. 1185  
ergo perfugium sibi habebant omnia divis  
tradere et illorum nutu facere omnia flecti.  
in caeloque deum sedes et templa locarunt,  
per caelum volvi quia nox et luna videtur,  
luna dies et nox et noctis signa severa 1190

used: another indication that Pontanus may have had possession of the ms. before Marullus. 1160 *mala* added by Lach. *diu* Mar. Ald. 1 Junt. vulg. 1177  
*Et tamen omnino.* *Et manet omnino* Lamb. most perversely. 1178 *ulla vi* Brix.  
 Mar. Ald. 1 Junt. for *illa vi.* *illa (ulla) Ver.* Ven. 1189 *nox. lux* Lach. *sol*  
 Lamb. 1190 *severa.* *serena* Candidus at end of Junt. Lach. which Lamb. also  
 prefers: the change of course is very slight; but *severa* is to my taste the more

. noctivagaeque faces caeli flammaeque volantes,  
nubila sol imbræ nix venti fulmina grando  
et rapidi fremitus et murmura magna minarum.

O genus infelix humanum, talia divis  
cum tribuit facta atque iras adiunxit acerbas !      1195  
quantos tum gemitus ipsi sibi, quantaque nobis  
volnera, quas lacrimas peperere minorib' nostris !  
nec pietas ullast velatum saepe videri  
vertier ad lapidem atque omnis accedere ad aras  
nec procumbere humi prostratum et pandere palmas    1200  
ante deum delubra nec aras sanguine multo  
spargere quadrupedum nec votis nectere vota,  
sed mage pacata posse omnia mente tueri.  
nam cum suspicimus magni cælestia mundi  
templa, super stellisque micantibus aethera fixum,      1205  
et venit in mentem solis lunaeque viarum,  
tunc aliis oppressa malis in pectora cura  
illa quoque exercefactum caput erigere infit,  
nequae forte deum nobis inmensa potestas  
sit, vario motu quae candida sidera verset.      1210  
temptat enim dubiam mentem rationis egestas,  
ecquaenam fuerit mundi genitalis origo,  
et simul ecquaenam sit finis quoad moenia mundi  
solliciti motus hunc possint ferre laborem,  
an divinitus aeterna donata salute      1215  
perpetuo possint aevi labentia tractu  
inmensi validas aevi contemnere viris.  
praeterea cui non animus formidine divum  
contrahitur, cui non correput membra pavore,  
fulminis horribili cum plaga torrida tellus      1220  
contremitt et magnum percurrunt murmura caelum ?  
non populi gentesque tremunt, regesque superbi  
corripiunt divum percussi membra timore,

poetical.      1192 *sol.* ros Lamb.      1198 *ullast velatum.* *ulla velatum*st mss.  
and eds. before Mar. and Ald. 1.      1203 *pacata* Junt. (not Pont. or Mar.) for  
*placata*: a necessary correction which Nauger. rejects, but Lamb. ed. 2 and 3  
properly adopts.      1207 *in pectora.* *in pectore* Ald. 1 Junt. followed by Nauger.  
Lamb. Creech etc. most absurdly.      1214 *Solliciti* Bentl. for *Et taciti*: he refers  
to i 343 and vi 1038. *Et tanti* one Vat. Ald. 1 Lamb.      1220 *Fulminis* Mar.

nequid ob admissum foede dictumve superbe  
 poenarum grave sit solvendi tempus adulturn? 1225  
 summa etiam cum vis violenti per mare venti  
 induperatorem classis super aquora verrit  
 cum validis pariter legionibus atque elephantis,  
 non divom pacem votis adit ac prece quaesit  
 ventorum pavidus paces animasque secundas,  
 nequiquam, quoniam violento turbine saepe 1230  
 correptus nilo fertur minus ad vada leti?  
 usque adeo res humanas vis abdita quaedam  
 opterit et pulchros fascis saevasque secures  
 proculcare ac ludibrio sibi habere videtur.  
 denique sub pedibus tellus cum tota vacillat 1235  
 concussaeque cadunt urbes dubiaeque minantur,  
 quid mirum si se temnunt mortalia saecla  
 atque potestatis magnas mirasque relinquunt  
 in rebus viris divum, quae cuncta gubernent? 1240

Quod superest, aes atque aurum ferrumque repertumst  
 et simul argenti pondus plumbique potestas,  
 ignis ubi ingentis silvas ardore cremarat  
 montibus in magnis, seu caeli fulmine misso,  
 sive quod inter se bellum silvestre gerentes 1245  
 hostibus intulerant ignem formidinis ergo,  
 sive quod inducti terrae bonitate volebant  
 pandere agros pinguis et pascua reddere rura,  
 sive feras interficere et ditescere praeda.  
 nam fovea atque igni prius est venarier ortum  
 quam saepire plagis saltum canibusque ciere. 1250  
 quidquid id est, quacumque e causa flammens ardor

Ald. 1 Junt. first for *Fulmini*. *Fulmine* Nicc. *Fulmine terribili* Flor. 31. 1224  
*Nequid* Lach. for *Nequod*: a necessary change, if it is joined with *admissum*.

1225 *adulturn* Lach. for *adauctum*. *aductum* Pont. Mar. Ald. 1 Junt. Lamb. etc. 1226 *Summa* F or. 31 Mar. Ald. 1 Junt. for *Summe*. 1229 *adit ac*  
*prece* Flor. 31 Camb. Mar. for *adita prece*. 1230 enclosed by Lach. in [ ].

1237 *dubiaeque*. *dubiaeve* Bentl.: but see notes 2. 1241 *superest aes atque*  
*aurum* Mar. Ald. 1 Junt. for *superest aeque aurum*. 1244 *caeli fulmine misso*  
*BA corr.* Nicc. all later mss. and eds.: *caelo* A p.m. alone. *caeli* is quite right: see  
 1489. *caelo* Lach. who says 'neque dixit alibi Lucretius *fulmen caeli*, sed *plagam caeli* supra 1095': but why his once using *plaga caeli*, should prevent him from  
 twice using *fulmen caeli*, my mind cannot comprehend. 1252 *Quidquid.*  
*Quicquid* AB; and so the lex Rubria 26 and the ancient and sole ms. of Livy xlv

horribili sonitu silvas exederat altis  
 ab radicibus et terram percoxerat igni,  
 manabat venis ferventibus in loca terrae  
 concava conveniens argenti rivus et auri,  
 aeris item et plumbi. quae cum concreta videbant  
 posterius claro in terra splendere colore,  
 tollebant nitido capti levique lepore  
 et simili formata videbant esse figura  
 atque lacunarum fuerant vestigia cuique.  
 tum penetrabat eos posse haec liquefacta calore  
 quamlibet in formam et faciem decurrere rerum  
 et prorsum quamvis in acuta ac tenvia posse  
 mucronum duci fastigia procudendo,  
 ut sibi tela darent, silvasque ut caedere possent  
 materiemque dolare et levia radere tigna  
 et terebrare etiam ac pertundere perque forare.  
 nec minus argento facere haec auroque parabant  
 quam validi primum violentis viribus aeris,  
 neququam, quoniam cedebat victa potestas  
 nec poterat pariter durum sufferre laborem.  
 tum fuit in pretio magis *aes aurumque iacebat*  
 propter inutilitatem hebeti mucrone retusum.  
 nunc iacet aes, aurum in summum successit honorem. 1275  
 sic volvenda aetas commutat tempora rerum.  
 quod fuit in pretio, fit nullo denique honore;  
 porro aliut succedit et *e contemptibus exit*  
 inque dies magis adpetitur floretque repertum

32 9: Lucr. may therefore have written *quicquid* here, though elsewhere his mss. have *quidquid* for the relative; *quicquid* in the sense of *quicque*, rightly according to the rule explained in notes 2 to 1 22 *quicquam*. 1253

*altis* A Nicc. Flor. 31 Camb. Mon. Brix. Ver. Ven. Junt. *altas* BA corr. Avanc. Lamb. 1254 *Ab* Junt. first for *A*, rightly: not Pont. or Mar.

1258 *in terra splendere* Lach. first for *in terras.* *in terris* Lamb. 1259

*capti* Flor. 31 Ver. Ven. Mar. for *capiti.* 1266 *darent, silvasque ut caedere* possent Lach. for *parent silvasque et cedere possint.* [But perhaps the mss. are right: compare Plaut. Amph. 192 *praemisit ut nuntiem;* and see Ussing there.] 1267

*dolare et levia radere* Mar. Junt. (Ald. 1 has *ac* for *et*) for *dolaret levare ac radere:* which seems the simplest change. *domo, levare ac radere* Lach. *laevare dolare et radere* Lamb. Lach. also suggests *dolare secare ac* or *dolare aequare ac.* 1272

*poterat* Lamb. and Lach. for *poterant:* this I have received with some hesitation.

1273 *Tum* Lach. for *Nam.* *aes* added by Flor. 31 Camb. Pont. Mar. 1278 e

laudibus et miro est mortalis inter honore.

1280

Nunc tibi quo pacto ferri natura reperta  
sit facilest ipsi per te cognoscere, Memmi.  
arma antiqua manus ungues dentesque fuerunt  
et lapides et item silvarum fragmina rami,  
et flamma atque ignes, postquam sunt cognita primum. 1285  
posterior ferri vis est aerisque reperta.

et prior aeris erat quam ferri cognitus usus,  
quo facilis magis est natura et copia maior.  
aere solum terrae tractabant, aereque belli  
miscebant fluctus et vulnera vasta serebant 1290  
et pecus atque agros adimebant; nam facile ollis  
omnia cedebant armatis nuda et inerma.

inde minutatim processit ferreus ensis  
versaque in obprobrium species est falcis ahenae,  
et ferro coopere solum proscindere terrae 1295  
exaequataque sunt creperi certamina belli.  
et prius est armatum in equi conseedere costas  
et moderarier hunc frenis dextraque vigere  
quam biiugo curru belli temptare pericla.  
et biiugos prius est quam bis coniungere binos

1300

et quam falciferos armatum escendere currus.  
inde boves lucas turrito corpore, taetras,  
anguimanus, belli docuerunt volnera Poeni  
sufferre et magnas Martis turbare catervas.  
sic alid ex alio peperit discordia tristis, 1305  
horrible humanis quod gentibus esset in armis,  
inque dies belli terroribus addidit augmen.

Temptarunt etiam tauros in moenere belli  
expertique sues saevos sunt mittere in hostis.  
et validos partim piae se misere leones

1310

added by Brix. Pont. Mar. 1285 *flamma atque* B corr. Flor. 31 Camb. 4 Vat. for  
*flammatque ignes*. *flammae atque* Mar. Nauger. Lamb. etc. 1294 *obprobrium*.  
*obscenum* all the mss. of Macrob. sat. vi 1 63, collated by Ianus: a curious variation.  
Lach. who depended on an old edition of Macrobious, is mistaken in supposing that  
*obscenum* is not the ms. reading. 1297 *armatum*. *reppertum* Lamb. etc. and  
1301 *inventum* Mar. Junt. Lamb. etc. for *armatum*: both needless changes.

1300 *biiugos* Faber for *biuigo*: *biuigo* makes the construction extremely harsh,  
and, as Faber says, has come from 1299. 1302 *taetras (tetras)* Lach. for *tetros*:  
rightly, see 1339. 1310 *partim*. *Parthi* Camb. 2 Vat.: a reading adopted by

cum doctoribus armatis saevisque magistris  
 qui moderarier his possent vinclisque tenere,  
 nequiquam, quoniam permixta caede calentes  
 turbabant saevi nullo discrimine turmas,  
 terrificas capitum quatientes undique cristas,  
 nec poterant equites fremitu perterrita equorum  
 pectora mulcere et frenis convertere in hostis.  
 inritata leae iaciebant corpora saltu

1315

undique et adversum venientibus ora petebant  
 et nec opinantis a tergo deripiebant

1320

deplexaeque dabant in terram volnere victos,  
 morsibus adfixae validis atque unguibus uncis.  
 iactabantque suos tauri pedibusque terebant  
 et latera ac ventres hauribant super equorum  
 cornibus et terram minitanti fronte ruebant.

1325

et validis socios caedebant dentibus apri  
 tela infracta suo tinguentes sanguine saevi,  
 in se fracta suo tinguentes sanguine tela,

permixtasque dabant equitum peditumque ruinas.  
 nam transversa feros exibant dentis adactus

1330

iumenta aut pedibus ventos erecta petebant,  
 nequiquam, quoniam ab nervis succisa videres  
 concidere atque gravi terram consternere casu.  
 siquos ante domi domitos satis esse putabant,

effervescere cernebant in rebus agundis  
 volneribus clamore fuga terrore tumultu,

1335

nec poterant ullam partem reducere eorum;  
 diffugiebat enim varium genus omne ferarum;

ut nunc saepe boves lucae ferro mactae  
 diffugint, fera facta suis multa dedere.

1340

Lamb. Creech Wak. vulg. before Lach.

1311 *doctoribus. doctoribus* Ver.

Ven. Mar. Ald. 1 Junt. Nauger. Lamb. etc.

1315 Lach. rejects as spurious;

and Ed. in ed. 1.

1319 *petebant* Vat. 640 Urbin. Mon. Junt. for *patebant*.1320 *deripiebant* A Lach. *diripiebant* B Nicc. Flor. 31 Camb. Mon. all before  
 Lach.1323 *suos. sues* Ver. Ven. Avanc. Lamb. etc.1325 *fronte* Lach.for *mente* which has no meaning. *ad terramque minanti mente* Mar. Lamb. Gif. Creech etc. and this Candidus doubtless meant to read.

1327 1328 Mon.

Junt. Lach. and Ed. in small ed. omit the second; Lamb. ed. 1 obelises the first,  
 ed. 2 and 3 both: but see notes 2.1330 *dentis adactus* Mar. Junt. for *dentis**adauctus* B, *dentibus adauctus* A Nicc. Camb. *dentibus ictus* Politian in marg. Flor.

SI FUIT UT FACERENT SED VIX ADDUCOR UT ANTE  
NON QUIERINT ANIMO PRAESENTIRE ATQUE VIDERE  
QUAM COMMUNE MALUM FIERET FOEDUMQUE FUTURUM  
ET MAGIS ID POSSIS FACTUM CONTENDERE IN OMNI  
IN VARIIS MUNDIS VARIA RATIONE CREATIS

I 345

QUAM CERTO ATQUE UNO TERRARUM QUILIBET ORBI  
sed facere id non tam vincendi spe voluerunt,  
quam dare quod gementer hostes, ipsique perire,  
qui numero diffidebant armisque vacabant.

Nexilis ante fuit vestis quam textile tegmen.  
textile post ferrumst, quia ferro tela paratur,  
nec ratione alia possunt tam levia gigni  
insilia ac fusi radii scapique sonantes.

I 350

et facere ante viros lanam natura coegit  
quam muliebre genus; nam longe praestat in arte  
et sollertia est multo genus omne virile;  
agricolae donec vitio vertere severi,  
ut muliebribus id manibus concedere vellent  
atque ipsi pariter durum sufferre laborem  
atque opere in duro durarent membra manusque.

I 355

At specimen sationis et insitionis origo  
ipsa fuit rerum primum natura creatrix,  
arboribus quoniam bacae glandesque caducae  
tempestiva dabant pullorum examina super;  
unde etiam libitumst stirpis committere ramis  
et nova defodere in terram virgulta per agros.  
inde aliam atque aliam culturam dulcis agelli  
temptabant fructusque feros mansuescere terram  
cernebant indulgendo blandeque colendo.  
inque dies magis in montem succedere silvas  
cogebant infraque locum concedere cultis,  
prata lacus rivos segetes vinetaque laeta

I 360

I 365

I 370

29. 1340 *facta*. *fata* B corr. Lach.: but see notes 2. 1341—1346 Lach. justly ejects the last three of these verses as the work of an interpolator; but it is no less certain that the first three are likewise spurious; *Si fuit ut facerent* is obviously a comment on *Sed facere id non tam* etc. Lach. to make sense and grammar is compelled to read *Sic fuit* with Mar. Ald. 1 Junt. Lamb. for *Si fuit*, and to transpose 1342 and 1343: see Camb. Journ. of phil. iv p. 288: 1345=528.

1351 *tela paratur*. *tela parantur* Lamb. perversely. 1368 *terram* Lach. for

collibus et campis ut haberent, atque olearum  
caerula distinguens inter plaga currere posset  
per tumulos et convallis camposque profusa;  
ut nunc esse vides vario distincta lepore  
omnia, quae pomis intersita dulcibus ornant  
arbustisque tenent felicibus opsita circum.

1375

At liquidas avium voces imitarier ore  
ante fuit multo quam levia carmina cantu  
concelebrare homines possent aurisque iuvare.  
et zephyri, cava per calamorum, sibila primum  
agrestis docuere cavas inflare cicutas.

1380

inde minutatim dulcis didicere querellas,  
tibia quas fundit digitis pulsata canentum,  
avia per nemora ac silvas saltusque reperta,  
per loca pastorum deserta atque otia dia.

1385

haec animos ollis mulcebant atque iuvabant  
cum satiate cibi; nam tum *haec* sunt omnia cordi.  
saeppe itaque inter se prostrati in gramine molli  
propter aquae rivom sub ramis arboris altae  
non magnis opibus iucunde corpora habebant,  
praesertim cum tempestas ridebat et anni

1390

tempora pingebant viridantis floribus herbas.  
tum ioca, tum sermo, tum dulces esse cachinni  
consuerant. agrestis enim tum musa vigebat;  
tum caput atque umeros plexis redimire coronis

1395

floribus et foliis lascivia laeta monebat,  
atque extra numerum procedere membra moventes  
duriter et duro terram pede pellere matrem;  
unde oriebantur risus dulcesque cachinni,  
omnia quod nova tum magis haec et mira vigebant.  
et vigilantibus hinc aderant solacia somni,

1400

ducere multimodis voces et flectere cantus  
et supera calamos unco percurrere labro;

1405

*terra.* 1388 1389=1454 1455, and are here quite out of place. 1391 *tum*  
*haec sunt omnia* ‘ut quidam legunt’ says Lamb. for *tum sunt omnia*: comp. 1404.  
*tum sunt carmina* Lach. *otia* Faber. 1397 *ioca* Flor. 31 Mar. Ald. 1 Junt. for  
*loca.* 1400 *monebat* Flor. 31 Mar. Junt. for *movebat.* 1405 *solacia somni*  
Lamb. Lach. for *solacia somno.* ‘secutus sum codicem Vaticanum’ says Lamb.  
All the mss. at present in the Vatican have, I believe, *somno*: but again and again

unde etiam vigiles nunc haec accepta tuentur  
et numerum servare recens didicere, neque hilo  
maiorem interea capiunt dulcedini' fructum      1410  
quam silvestre genus capiebat terrigenarum.  
nam quod adest praesto, nisi quid cognovimus ante  
suavius, in primis placet et pollere videtur,  
posteriorque fere melior res illa reperta  
perdit et immutat sensus ad pristina quaeque.      1415  
sic odium coepit glandis, sic illa relicta  
strata cubilia sunt herbis et frondibus aucta.  
pellis item cecidit vestis contempta ferinae;  
quam reor invidia tali tunc esse repertam,  
ut letum insidiis qui gessit primus obiret,      1420  
et tamen inter eos distractam sanguine multo  
disperiisse neque in fructum convertere quisse.  
tunc igitur pelles, nunc aurum et purpura curis  
exercent hominum vitam belloque fatigant;  
quo magis in nobis, ut opinor, culpa resedit.      1425  
frigus enim nudos sine pellibus excruciat  
terrigenas; at nos nil laedit veste carere  
purpurea atque auro signisque ingentibus apta,  
dum plebeia tamen sit quae defendere possit.  
ergo hominum genus incassum frustraque laborat      1430  
semper et in curis consumit inanibus aevom,  
nimirum quia non cognovit quae sit habendi  
finis et omnino quoad crescat vera voluptas.  
idque minutatim vitam provexit in altum  
et belli magnos commovit funditus aestus.      1435

At vigiles mundi magnum versatile templum  
sol et luna suo lustrantes lumine circum  
perdocuere homines annorum tempora verti

Lamb. speaks in the same vague way of Vatican and other mss.      1409 *servare*  
*recens* Ed. for *servare genus*: *servare* first absorbed the *re*, then *cens* became *genus*.  
sonis Lach. Certainly *genus* is quite unmeaning. *numeris* Nicc. as well as Flor. 31  
Ver. Ven. Avane. in Ald. 1; but at end of his Catullus he bids us read *numerum*.

1410 *Maiorem* Flor. 31 Camb. for *Maiore*. *dulcedini'* Lamb. rightly for *dul-*  
*cedine*.      1418 *ferinae* Junt. (not Pont. or Mar.) for *ferina*. *vestis contempta*  
*ferinast* Lamb. ed. 2 and 3.      1419 *tunc* Brix. Pont. Mar. Ald. 1 Junt. for  
*nunc*.      1431 *in* added by Flor. 31 Camb. Mon. Pont. Ald. 1 Junt.      1436  
*magnum versatile*. *magnum ac versatile* Ed. in small ed.; and *ac* may have fallen

et certa ratione geri rem atque ordine certo.

Iam validis saepti degebant turribus aevom  
et divisa colebatur discretaque tellus,  
iam mare velivolis florebat puppibus; urbes  
auxilia ac socios iam pacto foedere habebant,  
carminibus cum res gestas coepere poetae  
tradere; nec multo priu' sunt elementa reperta.      1440

propterea quid sit prius actum respicere aetas

nostra nequit, nisi qua ratio vestigia monstrat.

Navigia atque agri culturas moenia leges  
arma vias vestes et cetera de genere horum,  
praemia, delicias quoque vitae funditus omnis,  
carmina picturas, et daedala signa polire,  
usus et impigrae simul experientia mentis  
paulatim docuit pedetemtim progredientis.  
sic unumquicquid paulatim protrahit aetas  
in medium ratioque in luminis erigit oras.      1445

namque alid ex alio clarescere et ordine debet  
artibus, ad summum donec venere cacumen.

out after *m*: *et* is added by Mar. Ald. 1 Junt. Lamb. vulg. *versatili* Lach.      1442

*Iam* Lach. for *Tum*. *propter odores* all mss. which Wak. absurdly defends. *puppibus* (*puppib.*) *et res* Lach. *puppibus* is unquestionably right; but *res* appears strange without any epithet; I have written therefore *puppibus*; *urbes*. *Tum mare velivolum florebat navib' pandis* Junt. (not Pont. or Mar.) Lamb. etc. probably after Servius.      1449 *et* added by Flor. 31 Camb.      1451 *polire* Flor. 31 Vat. 640

Urbin. and 1954 Othob. Mar. Ald. 1 Junt. Lamb. Lach. for *polito*.      1455 *erigit*.

*eruit* Junt. (not Pont. or Mar.) Lamb. etc. wrongly.      1456 *clarescere et ordine*

*debet* Ed. for *clarescere corde videbant*: one *c* was absorbed by the other; then

*tordine* *debet* passed into *corde videbant*. *clarescere conveniebat* Lach. who joins

*Artibus* with *venere*.

T. LUCRETI CARI  
DE RERUM NATURA  
LIBER SEXTUS

Primae frugiparos fetus mortalibus aegris  
dididerunt quondam praeclaro nomine Athenae  
et recreaverunt vitam legesque rogarunt,  
et primae dederunt solacia dulcia vitae,  
cum genuere virum tali cum corde repertum, 5  
omnia veridico qui quondam ex ore profudit;  
cuius et extincti propter divina reperta  
divulgata vetus iam ad caelum gloria fertur.  
nam cum vidit hic ad victimum quae flagitat usus  
omnia iam ferme mortalibus esse parata 10  
et, proquam posset, vitam consistere tutam,  
divitiis homines et honore et laude potentis  
affluere atque bona gnatorum excellere fama,  
nec minus esse domi cuiquam tamen anxia corda,  
atque animi ingratis vitam vexare *sine ulla* 15  
pausa atque infestis cogei saevire querellis,

1 *frugiparos* AB. *frugiferos* A corr. Nicc. and later mss. and eds. before Wak.  
4 *solacia* Nicc. for *solaci*. 7 *extincti* Mar. Ald. 1 Junt. for *extincta*. 10  
*mortalibus* Nicc. for *acortalibus*. 11 *proquam posset* Lach. for *proquam possent*:  
a simple and certain correction of a much-vexed passage. *per quae possent* Mar.  
Avanc. Madvig, deceived by this, conjectured in Henrichsen de frag. Gott. *per*  
*quae possent vita c. tuta.* Lamb. and Creech obelize the verse. 13 *excellere*  
Mar. Ald. 1 Junt. for *excolere* A Nicc., *excollere* B. *extollere* Flor. 31 Camb.  
Pont. 14 *corda* Mar. Ald. 1 Junt. for *cordi*. 15 *querellis* of mss. has of  
course come from 16 and has supplanted the words of Lucr. who wrote *sine ulla*  
*Pausa atque*. Lach. retains *querellis* here and in 16 reads *Passimque...periclis.*  
*cogei* Lach., *cogi* Lamb., rightly for *coget*: a common corruption in our mss. Mar.  
Avanc. Junt. corrupt the passage greatly. Lamb. followed by Gif. Creech, etc.

intellegit ibi vitium vas efficere ipsum  
 omniaque illius vitio corrumpier intus  
 quae conlata foris et commoda cumque venirent;  
 partim quod fluxum pertusumque esse videbat,      20  
 ut nulla posset ratione explerier umquam;  
 partim quod taetro quasi conspurcare sapore  
 omnia cernebat, quaecumque receperat, intus.  
 veridicis igitur purgavit pectora dictis  
 et finem statuit cuppedinis atque timoris      25  
 exposuitque bonum summum quo tendimus omnes  
 quid foret, atque viam monstravit, tramite parvo  
 qua possemus ad id recto contendere cursu,  
 quidve mali foret in rebus mortalibus passim,  
 quod fieret naturali varieque volaret      30  
 seu casu seu vi, quod sic natura parasset,  
 et quibus e portis occurri cuique deceret,  
 et genus humanum frustra plerumque probavit  
 volvere curarum tristis in pectore fluctus.  
 nam veluti pueri trepidant atque omnia caccis      35  
 in tenebris metuunt, sic nos in luce timemus  
 interdum, nilo quae sunt metuenda magis quam  
 quae pueri in tenebris pavitant finguntque futura.  
 hunc igitur terrorem animi tenebrasque necessest  
 non radii solis nec lucida tela diei      40  
 discutiant, sed naturae species ratioque.  
 quo magis incepturn pergam pertexere dictis.

Et quoniam docui mundi mortalia templia  
 esse et nativo consistere corpore caelum,

contracts the two verses into one, thus *Atque animum infestis cogi servire querelis: servire* also Ver. Ven. Mar. Ald. 1 Junt. *Causam quae Avanc. Nauger. for Pausa atque.*      17 *vas* Mar. Ald. 1 Junt. for *fas.*      25 *cuppedinis* A rightly, as v 45; and so Marullus in marg. of cod. Victor. properly corrects: Lactantius inst. vii 27 has *torpedinis*, from whom Mar. probably got his first notion mentioned by Gifianus: see n. to III 994: unless he rather when young derived it from his master Pontanus who expressly notes '*torpedinis est apud Lactantium*'.      27 *tramite parvo.* *tramite prono* Lamb. *limite prono* Junt. apparently after Lactantius inst. vii 27. Lach. rightly joins *tramite parvo* with what follows.      28 *recto* A corr. Nicc. Flor. 31 Camb. Mon. Lactant. for *recta.*      30 *fieret Iac. Susius in Tonson, Lach. for fuerit. fueret* Mar. Ald. 1 Junt. vulg. *naturali. naturae vi* Lamb. *naturali viro atque* Mar. Ald. 1 Junt.      31 *casu. causa* Lach.      32 *Et quibus* Flor. 31 Camb. Pont. Mar. for *E quibus.*      34 *Volvere* Ver. Ven. Mar. for *Volnere.* .      44 *et*

et quaecumque in eo fiunt fierique necessest,  
pleraque ressolui, quae restant percipe porro,  
quandoquidem semel insignem condescendere currum

45

\*  
ventorum, ex ira ut placentur, *ut* omina rursum  
quae fuerint sint placato conversa furore:

50

cetera quae fieri in terris caeloque tuentur  
mortales, pavidis cum pendent mentib' saepe,  
et faciunt animos humilis formidine divom  
depressosque premunt ad terram propterea quod

ignorantia causarum conferre deorum

55

cogit ad imperium res et concedere regnum.  
nam bene qui didicere deos securum agere aevom,

si tamen interea mirantur qua ratione

quaeque geri possint, praesertim rebus in illis  
quae supera caput aetheris cernuntur in oris,

60

rursus in antiquas referuntur religionis

et dominos acris adsciscunt, omnia posse

added by Flor. 31 Camb. Brix. Mar.      46 *ressolui* Goebel obs. Lucr. p. 18 for  
*dissolui*: comp. v 773 *Qua fieri quicquid posset ratione resolvi*: a friend suggests  
that rv 500 *dissolvere causam* may support *dissolui* here: but see notes 2. *fiunt*,  
*fateare* *necessest* *Pleraque dissolui* Lach. most unsuitably, as if only *pleraque*, not  
*omnia*, were to be dissolved. *fiunt possuntque*, n. P. *dissolui* Bern. to which the  
same objection applies. Lamb. seeing this difficulty, in ed. 2 and 3 gives *fiunt*  
*fientque*, *necessse Esse ea dissolui*.      47—49 an exceedingly corrupt passage; yet  
I fancy that I have amended it without much violence: in 47 I have changed  
nothing; after it there is manifestly a hiatus of several verses, the general sense of  
which I have attempted to give in my translation. The ms. reading of 48 and 49 is  
as follows, *Ventorum existant placentur omnia rursum Que fuerint sint placato conversa*  
*favore*: with *existant* for *ex ira ut*, comp. rv 820 *virtuti* for *viruti*. *omnia* for *omina* is  
an almost unfailing blunder of mss. *furore* is from Lamb. ed. 2 and 3, and Auratus  
for *favore*. So Sen. Octav. 800 and 806 mss. have *furore* and *furor* for *favore* and  
*favor*. The older emendations in Ald. 1 Junt. Lamb. etc. are so devoid of all  
probability that I will not cite them: Lamb. indeed believes the lines not to be  
Lucretius'; nor is Lachmann's text much happier: *institui condescendere currum*  
*Ventosum et certant plangentia flamina rursum*, *Quae fuerint, sine, placato conversa*  
*furore*: then at 50 he begins a new paragraph, and 52 for *Et faciunt* gives *Haec*  
*faciunt*, though Lactantius twice over has the ms. reading. Bern. supposes a lacuna  
both before and after 48 which he thus leaves, *Ventorum existant, placentur omnia*  
*rursum*: 52 Mar. Junt. Lamb. etc. for *Et faciunt* have *Efficiunt*.      56 57 = 90  
91 = 1 153 154: here in the 6th book Lach. rejects them in the first, retains them in  
the second place: to me it is manifest that in both places they come from the  
annotator who thought they were in point and consequently jotted them down in

quos miseri credunt, ignari quid queat esse,  
 quid nequeat, finita potestas denique cuique  
 quanam sit rationi atque alte terminus haerens;  
 quo magis errantes caeca ratione feruntur.  
 quae nisi respuis ex animo longeque remittis  
 dis indigna putare alienaque pacis eorum,  
 delibata deum per te tibi numina sancta  
 saepe oberunt; non quo violari summa deum vis  
 possit, ut ex ira poenas petere inbibat acris,  
 sed quia tute tibi placida cum pace quietos  
 constitues magnos irarum volvere fluctus,  
 nec delubra deum placido cum pectore adibis,  
 nec de corpore quae sancto simulacula feruntur  
 in mentes hominum divinae nuntia formae,  
 suspicere haec animi tranquilla pace valebis.  
 inde videre licet qualis iam vita sequatur.  
 quam quidem ut a nobis ratio verissima longe  
 reiciat, quamquam sunt a me multa profecta,  
 multa tamen restant et sunt ornanda politis  
 versibus; est ratio caeli *speciesque* tenenda,  
 sunt tempestates et fulmina clara canenda,  
 quid faciant et qua de causa cumque ferantur;  
 ne trepides caeli divisis partibus amens,  
 unde volans ignis pervenerit aut in utram se  
 verterit hinc partim, quo pacto per loca saepa  
 insinuarit, et hinc dominatus ut extulerit se.  
 tu mihi supremae praescribta ad candida calcis  
 currenti spatium praemonstra, callida musa  
 Calliope, requies hominum divomque voluptas,

the margin in his usual fashion. 68 *longeque* Nicc. for *longique*. *remittis*  
 Flor. 31 Camb. Brix. for *remitti*. 71 *oberunt* Wak. for *oderunt*. *aderunt* Mar.  
 Ald. 1 Junt. Lamb. etc. 72 *ex ira* Mar. Ald. 1 Junt. for *exire*. 73 *quietos*  
 Mar. Junt. for *quietus*. 74 *fluctus* Flor. 31 Mar. Ald. 1 Junt. for *fletus*.  
 76 *feruntur* Brix. Ald. 1 Junt. (not Pont. or Mar.) for *fuerunt*. *ferunt* Ver. Ven.  
 82 *sunt ornanda*. *sunt tornanda* Flor. 31 Politian in marg. Flor. 29.  
 83 *est ratio caeli* (*caelis* Brix.) *speciesque* *tenenda* Brix. Avanc. Lamb. ed. 1 and 2  
 for *est ratio caelisque tenenda*: the scribe omitted *specie* because of the following  
*squete*. *est ratio fulgendi visque tonandi* Lach. which seems to me most improbable.  
*est ratio superum caelique* Flor. 31 Camb. 2 Vat. Lamb. ed. 3. 85—89 Lach.  
 encloses in [ ]. 90 91=56 57=1 153 154: see above. Lach. admits them  
 here. 92 *ad candida calcis* Lamb. and Turnebus for *ac candida callis*; a certain

te duce ut insigni capiam cum laude coronam.	95
Principio tonitru quatiuntur caerula caeli	
propterea quia concurrunt sublime volantes	
aetheriae nubes contra pugnantib' ventis.	
nec fit enim sonitus caeli de parte serena,	
verum ubicumque magis denso sunt agmine nubes,	100
tam magis hinc magno fremitus fit murmure saepe.	
praeterea neque tam condenso corpore nubes	
esse queunt quam sunt lapides ac tigna, neque autem	
tam tenues quam sunt nebulae fumique volantes;	
nam cadere aut bruto deberent pondere pressae	105
ut lapides, aut ut fumus constare nequirent	
nec cohibere nives gelidas et grandinis imbris.	
dant etiam sonitum patuli super aequora mundi,	
carbasus ut quondam magnis intenta theatris	
dat crepitum malos inter iactata trabesque;	110
interdum perscissa furit petulantibus auris	
et fragilis <i>sonitus</i> chartarum commeditatur:	
id quoque enim genus in tonitru cognoscere possis:	
aut ubi suspensam vestem chartasque volantis	
verberibus venti versant planguntque per auras.	115
fit quoque enim interdum <i>ut</i> non tam concurrere nubes	
frontibus adversis possint quam de latere ire	
diverso motu radentes corpora tractim,	
aridus unde auris terget sonus ille diuque	
ducitur, exierunt donec regionibus artis.	120

emendation.      102 *nubes* Flor. 31 Pont. Mar. Ald. 1 Junt. for *nure*.    *mire* Nicc. Brix.  
 Ver. Ven.            103 *lapides* Flor. 31 Ver. Ven. for *pepides*.    *tigna* Flor. 31 Camb.  
 Mar. Junt. for *iigna*.    *ugna* Nicc.    *ligna* Ver. Ven. Avanc.      105 *Nam cadere aut*  
*bruto* Flor. 31 Camb. all Vat. Brix. Ver. Ven. Mar. Junt. for *Nam cadere avi* B,  
*Nam candere aut A* corr. (says Lach. but ? p. m. also) Nicc.    *aut* is unquestionably  
 right: comp. 1198 *avi* mss. for *aut*.    *Nam cadere abrupto* Avanc.    *Nam aut cadere*  
*abrupto* Lamb.    *ab bruto* Lach.      110 *malos* Flor. 31 Mar. Junt. for *matos*.  
*muros* Brix. Avanc.    *matos (muros)* Ver. Ven.      112 *sonitus* added by Flor. 31  
*Camb. etc.*            114 *que.*    *ve* Mar. Junt. Lach.      115 *planguntque* Pont. Mar.  
*Junt. for planguentque.*      116 *ut* added by Flor. 31 Vat. 640 Urbin. and 1136  
 Othob. Pius.            118 *corpora tractim* Gronov. Faber for *corpore tractim*.    'f.  
*corpora tactu'* Heins. in ms. notes.    *corpore tractum* Nicc. Flor. 31 Camb. all Vat.  
*etc. corpori* *tractum* Mar. Junt.      120 *exierunt* Vat. 1706 Reg. for *exierum*:  
 also Heins. in ms. notes has '*exierunt s*' i.e. the ms. of Modius who must therefore  
 have read in it *exierunt*, as the ed. Paris. 1565 has *exierit*, as well as Lamb. ed. 1

Hoc etiam pacto tonitru concussa videntur  
omnia saepe gravi tremere et divolsa repente  
maxima dissiluisse capacis moenia mundi,  
cum subito validi venti conlecta procella  
nubibus intorsit sese conclusaque ibidem      125  
turbine versanti magis ac magis undique nubem  
cogit uti fiat spisso cava corpore circum,  
post ubi comminuit vis eius et impetus acer,  
tum perterrcrepo sonitu dat scissa fragorem.  
nec mirum, cum plena animae vensicula parva      130  
saepe ita dat toryum sonitum displosa repente.

Est etiam ratio, cum venti nubila perlant,  
ut sonitus faciant. etenim ramosa videmus  
nubila saepe modis multis atque aspera ferri;  
seilicet ut, crebram silvam cum flamina cauri  
perlant, dant sonitum frondes ramique fragorem.      135  
fit quoque ut interdum validi vis incita venti  
perscindat nubem perfringens impete recto.  
nam quid possit ibi flatus manifesta docet res,  
hic, ubi lenior est, in terra cum tamen alta      140  
arbusta evolvens radicibus haurit ab imis.  
sunt etiam fluctus per nubila, qui quasi murmur  
dant in frangendo graviter; quod item fit in altis  
fluminibus magnoque mari, cum frangitur aestus.  
fit quoque, ubi e nubi in nubem vis incidit ardens      145  
fulminis, haec multo si forte umore recepit  
ignem, continuo *ut* magno clamore trucidet;  
ut calidis candens ferrum e fornacibus olim

and 3. Is. Voss. too and Creech prefer *exierunt*. *exierit* Flor. 31 Camb. 3 Vat. Ald. 1 Junt. Lamb. *exierint* Brix. Ver. Ven. Mar.; but *exierit* Mar. ap. Victor. in ed. Ven.      124 *concollecta* AB. *conlecta* Nice. Brix. *collecta* A corr. Camb.

128 *commovit*. *commovit* A corr. Flor. 31 Camb. Mon. Brix. Ver. Ven. vulg. before Lach.      129 *scissa* Bern. for *missa*. *jissa* Lach.: it is clearly the *nubes*, not the *procella*, which is here spoken of; though all editors before Lach. retain *missa*, which Isidore too orig. xiii 8 must have read: the corruption therefore must be old.      131 *toryum* Ed. for *parvum*. *magnum* Is. Voss. in ms. notes and Wak. *pariter* Mar. Junt. Lamb. etc. *Saepe det haut parvum* Lach. *Noenu ita det p.* Bern.: but see notes 2.      132 and 136 *perlant* A corr. Nice. for *perfiant*.

133 *Ut*. *Cur* Lamb. wrongly.      141 *Arbusta evolvens* A corr. Flor. 31 Pont. Mar. for *Arbusta volvens*. *Arbuste volvens* Nice. Camb.      144 *aestus* Flor. 31 Camb. etc. for *aest.* *aestu* A corr. Nice. Mon. Ver. Ven. vulg.      147 *ut* added

stridit, ubi in gelidum propere demersimus imbre.  
aridior porro si nubes accipit ignem, 150  
uritur ingenti sonitu succensa repente;  
lauricomos ut si per montis flamma vagetur  
turbine ventorum comburens impete magno;  
nec res ulla magis quam Phoebi Delphica laurus  
terribili sonitu flamma crepitante crematur. 155  
denique saepe geli multus fragor atque ruina  
grandinis in magnis sonitum dat nubibus alte.  
ventus enim cum conficerit, franguntur, in artum,  
concreti montes nimborum et grandine mixti.

Fulgit item, nubes ignis cum semina multa 160  
excussere suo concursu; ceu lapidem si  
percutiat lapis aut ferrum; nam tum quoque lumen  
exilit et claras scintillas dissipat ignis.  
sed tonitrum fit uti post auribus accipiamus,  
fulgere quam cernant oculi, quia semper ad auris 165  
tardius adveniunt quam visum quae moveant res.  
id licet hinc etiam cognoscere: caedere si quem  
ancipiti videoas ferro procul arboris auctum,  
ante fit ut cernas ictum quam plaga per auris  
det sonitum; sic fulgorem quoque cernimus ante 170  
quam tonitrum accipimus, pariter qui mittitur igni  
e simili causa, concursu natus eodem.

Hoc etiam pacto volueri loca lumine tingunt  
nubes et tremulo tempestas impete fulgit.  
ventus ubi invasit nubem et versatus ibidem 175  
fecit ut ante cavam docui spissescere nubem,  
mobilitate sua fervescit; ut omnia motu  
percalefacta vides ardescere, plumbea vero  
glans etiam longo cursu volvenda liquescit.

by Lamb. *trucidet* Junt. not Pont. or Mar. for *trucidat*. Lach. on the contrary in  
145 for *Fit* reads *Id*. 149 *propere* Mar. Ald. 1 Junt. for *propter*. 151  
*repente* Flor. 31 Brix. Pont. for *recente*. 154 *res ulla* Macrob. sat. vi 4 5 for *res  
uita*. *res ulla uita* Ver. Ven. *resina* Flor. 31 Camb. 158 *in artum.* *in arto*  
Lach.: but somewhat involved constructions are by no means avoided by Lucr.:  
comp. 176 and III 843. 165 *Fulgere* Nicc. B corr. for *Fugere*. 168 *Ancipiiti*  
Flor. 31 Mon. Brix. for *Ungipiti*. *videoas* Mar. Junt. for *videat*. 172 *E simili*  
A Nicc. Flor. 31 (Lach. wrongly assigns to it *Et*) 2 Vat. Brix. Mar. Junt. Lamb.  
*Et simili* B Camb. Mon. 3 Vat. Ver. Ven. Avanc. 179 *liquescit* Pont. Mar.

ergo fervidus hic nubem cum perscidit atram,  
dissipat ardoris quasi per vim expressa repente  
semina quae faciunt nictantia fulgura flammae;  
inde sonus sequitur qui tardius adficit auris  
quam quae pervenient oculorum ad lumina nostra.  
scilicet hoc densis fit nubibus et simul alte  
extractis aliis alias super impete miro;  
ne tibi sit frudi quod nos inferne videmus  
quam sint lata magis quam sursum extracta quid extent.  
contemplator enim, cum montibus adsimulata  
nubila portabunt venti transversa per auras,  
aut ubi per magnos montis *cumulata* videbis  
insuper esse aliis alia atque urguere superne  
in statione locata sepultis undique ventis:  
tum poteris magnas moles cognoscere eorum  
speluncasque velut saxis pendentib' structas  
cernere, quas venti cum tempestate coorta  
conplerunt, magno indignantur murmure clausi  
nubibus in caveisque ferarum more minantur;  
nunc hinc nunc illinc fremitus per nubila mittunt  
quaerentesque viam circum versantur et ignis  
semina convolvunt *e* nubibus atque ita cogunt  
multa rotantque cavis flammam fornacibus intus,  
donec divolsa fulserunt nube corusci.

Hac etiam fit uti de causa mobilis ille  
devolet in terram liquidi color aureus ignis,  
semina quod nubes ipsas permulta necessust  
ignis habere; etenim cum sunt umore sine ullo,  
flammeus est plerumque colos et splendidus ollis.

Ald. 1 Junt. for *quiescit*: a certain correction. *calescit* Lach. utterly destroying the force of the passage. 180 *perscidit* Flor. 31 Camb. Mon. Brix. for *perscindit*.

183 *adficit* Bentl. for *adlicit*. *adtigit* Lamb. conj. *adcidit* Heins. in ms. notes. 184 *lumina* B. *limina* A Nicc. Flor. 31 three Vat. 185 *alte* Mar. Ald. 1 Junt. for *alti*. 187 188 wrongly placed by Lach. after 193 on account of the neuters: see 759 I 352 IV 934. 187 Ne. Nec Mon. Lach. 188 *sint* Mar. Junt. for *sit*. *extracta* Ald. 1 Junt. for *exticta*. 191 *cumulata* B corr. Brix. Ver. Ven. Mar. for *culata*. *procul alta* Flor. 31 Camb. 192 *urguere* A Nicc. *urgere* B. *superne* Bentl. for *superna*. 201 *e* added by Nicc. 205 *color* Serv. ad ecl. vi 33, Mar. Avanc. Nauger. *calor* AB Nicc. Flor. 31 Camb. Junt. mss. of Macrobius sat. vi 5 4: yet *color* must be right: the mss. of Macrobius sometimes agree strangely with those of Lucr. in corruptions. 208 *Flammeus est*

quin etiam solis de lumine multa necesset  
concipere, ut merito rubeant ignesque profundant. 210  
hasce igitur cum ventus agens contrusit in unum  
compressitque locum cogens, expressa profundunt  
semina quae faciunt flammæ fulgere colores.  
fulgit item, cum rarescunt quoque nubila cœli.  
nam cum ventus eas leviter diducit euntis  
dissoluitque, eadant ingratis illa necesset  
semina quae faciunt fulgorem. tum sine taetro  
terrore et sonitu fulgit nulloque tumultu.

Quod superest, *quali* natura praedita constent  
fulmina, declarant ictus et inusta vaporis 220  
signa notaeque gravis halantis sulphuris auras.  
ignis enim sunt haec non venti signa neque imbris.  
praeterea saepe accendunt quoque tecta domorum  
et celeri flamma dominantur in aedibus ipsis.  
hunc tibi subtilem cum primis ignibus ignem 225  
constituit natura minutis mobilibusque  
corporibus, cui nil omnino obsistere possit.  
transit enim validum fulmen per saepa domorum,  
clamor ut ac voces, transit per saxa, per aera,  
et liquidum puncto facit aes in tempore et aurum, 230  
curat item vasis integris vina repente  
diffugiant, quia nimirum facile omnia circum  
conlaxat rareque facit lateramina vasis  
adveniens calor eius et insinuatus in ipsum  
mobiliter soluens differt primordia vini. 235

Flor. 31 Camb. Mar. for *Flammeusq.* *splendidus ollis* Flor. 31 Mar. Camb. corr. but  
p. m., Mar. for *splendidus ollis*. 209 *Quin etiam* Lach. for *Quippe enim.*  
*Quippe etenim* vulg. 210 *rubeant* Flor. 31 Camb. Brix. Pont. Mar. for  
*iubeant.* 213 *fulgere.* *fulgore* Avanc. Lach. in defiance of Epicurus and  
Lucretius assigning colour to atoms. 216 *ingratis* Pius in notes for *ingratius.* 218 *sonitu* Vat. 1954 Othob. Mar. Ald. 1 Junt. for *sonis.* *sonitis*  
Flor. 31 Camb. one Vat. *atque sonis* Pont. 219 *quali* added by Lamb.  
*quod sic* Flor. 31 Camb. 220 *ictus et* Flor. 31 Pont. Mar. Ald. 1 Junt. vulg.  
for *ictu et.* *ictu loca* Lach. 221 *auras* Mon. (or Mar.) Junt. for *auris.*

223 *saepe* Is. Voss. in ms. notes for *se.* *per se* Flor. 31 vulg. 226 *mobilis-*  
*busque* Ald. 1 Junt. (not Pont. or Mar.) for *montibusque.* 228 229 Lach. makes one  
verse out of these two by omitting *pers. d.* *C. ut ac v. tr.* 229 *saxa* B corr. for *susca.*  
231 *Curat item.* *Curat utei* Lach. *Curat item ut* Lamb.: but surely there is sufficient  
authority for omitting *ut* after *curat.* 234 *et insinuatus* Lach. for *ut insinuatus.*

quod solis vapor aetatem non posse videtur  
efficere usque adeo pellens fervore corusco:  
tanto mobilior vis et dominantior haec est.

Nunc ea quo pacto gignantur et impete tanto  
fiant ut possint ictu discludere turris,  
disturbare domos, avellere tigna trabesque,  
et monimenta virum demoliri atque cremare,  
exanimare homines, pecudes prosternere passim,  
cetera de genere hoc qua vi facere omnia possint,  
expadiam, neque te in promissis plura morabor.

Fulmina gignier e crassis alteque putandumst  
nubibus extractis; nam caelo nulla sereno  
nec leviter densis mittuntur nubibus umquam.  
nam dubio procul hoc fieri manifesta docet res;  
quod tum per totum concrescunt aera nubes.  
undique uti tenebras omnis Acherunta reamur  
liquisse et magnas caeli complesse cavernas:  
usque adeo taetra nimborum nocte coorta  
inpendent atrae formidinis ora superne:

cum commoliri tempestas fulmina coeptat.  
praeterea persaepe niger quoque per mare nimbus,  
ut picis e caelo demissum flumen, in undas  
sic cadit effertus tenebris procul et trahit atram  
fulminibus gravidam tempestatem atque procellis,  
ignibus ac ventis cum primis ipse repletus,  
in terra quoque ut horrescant ac tecta requirant.  
sic igitur supera nostrum caput esse putandumst  
tempestatem altam. neque enim caligine tanta  
obruerent terras, nisi inaedificata superne

*ut insinuatur Nicc. Flor. 31 Camb. vulg.: but ut for ubi is not Lucretian.* 237  
*pellens Ed. for tellens. tollens A corr. Nicc. pollens Lamb. vulg. Lach. cellens*  
*Wak. 241 tigna Lamb. first (not Flor. 31) for igna. ligna Nicc. later mss.*  
*and eds. before Lamb. 242 demoliri Mar. Ald. 1 Junt. for commoliri: prepo-*  
*sitions seem often to be confounded in our mss. cremare Ed. for ciere which has*  
*no meaning: the last letters, which were on the outside margin of this the 259th*  
*page of the archetype, were lost. lamenta Lach. for monimenta: a violent change*  
*which destroys the whole force of the passage. 245 te added by Flor. 31*  
*Camb. Pont. Mar. 246 gignier Mar. Ald. 1 Junt. for gigni. nunc gigni Flor.*  
*31 Camb. crassis Nicc. for classis. 250 tum Lach. for tunc. 257 demis-*  
*sum flumen Junt. for dimissum fulmen. dimissum fulmen Mar. Avanc. which is*  
*repeated as a correction at the end of his Catullus and must be a misprint for*

- multa forent multis exempto nubila sole; 265  
 nec tanto possent venientes opprimere imbri,  
 flumina abundare ut facerent camposque natare,  
 si non extractis foret alte nubibus aether.  
 hic igitur ventis atque ignibus omnia plena  
 sunt; ideo passim fremitus et fulgura fiunt. 270  
 quippe etenim supra docui permulta vaporis  
 semina habere cavas nubes et multa necesset  
 concipere ex solis radiis ardoreque eorum.  
 hoc ubi ventus eas idem qui cogit in unum  
 forte locum quemvis, expressit multa vaporis 275  
 semina seque simul cum eo commisicut igni,  
 insinuatus ibi vortex versatur in arto  
 et calidis acuit fulmen fornacibus intus.  
 nam dupli ratione accenditur, ipse sua cum  
 mobilitate calescit et e contagibus ignis. 280  
 inde ubi percaluit venti vis et gravis ignis  
 impetus incessit, maturum tum quasi fulmen  
 perscindit subito nubem, ferturque coruscis  
 omnia luminibus lustrans loca percitus ardor.  
 quem gravis insequitur sonitus, displosa repente 285  
 opprimere ut caeli videatur templa superne.  
 inde tremor terras graviter pertemptat et altum  
 murmura percurrunt caelum; nam tota fere tum  
 tempestas concussa tremit fremitusque moventur.  
 quo de concussu sequitur gravis imber et uber, 290  
 omnis uti videatur in imbrem vertier aether  
 atque ita praecipitans ad diluviem revocari:  
 tantus discidio nubis ventique procella  
 mittitur, ardenti sonitus cum provolat ictu.  
 est etiam cum vis extrinsecus incita venti 295

*flumen.* 258 *effertus* Lach. for *et fertus.* *et fertur vulg.* 269 *plena* Flor.  
 31 Camb. Mon. etc. for *plana.* 272 *habere* Pont. Mar. Ald. 1 Junt. for  
*haecdere.* *hac de re* Nicc. 277 *arto* Lach. for *alto.* 281 *venti vis et*  
*gravis ignis* Bentl. for *gravis venti vis igni.* *gravia, aut vis ignis et acer* Lach.  
*vis venti vel gravis ignis* Mar. Junt. Lamb. etc. 286 *videatur* Ed. for *videantur:* the scribe has adapted the verb to *templa:* see 1 1108: in 467 *videatur* mss.  
 for *videantur.* Lach. reads *Exprimere* for *Opprimere*, Bern. *Occidere.* 290 *concussu*  
 B corr. Pont. Mar. Ald. 1 Junt. for *concessus.* 291 *uti* Pont. Mar. Ald. 1 Junt.  
 for *ut.* *ita ut* Flor. 31 Camb. 292 *revocari* Lach. for *revocare.* 296 *calidam*

incidit in calidam maturo fulmine nubem;  
 quam cum perscidit, extemplo cadit igneus ille  
 vertex quem patrio vocitamus nomine fulmen.  
 hoc fit idem in partis alias, quoecumque tulit vis.  
 fit quoque ut interdum venti vis missa sine igni      300  
 igniscat tamen in spatio longoque meatu,  
 dum venit, amittens in cursu corpora quaedam  
 grandia quae nequeunt pariter penetrare per auras;  
 atque alia ex ipso conradens aere portat  
 parvola quae faciunt ignem commixta volando;      305  
 non alia longe ratione ac plumbea saepe  
 fervida fit glans in cursu, cum multa rigoris  
 corpora dimittens ignem concepit in auris.  
 fit quoque ut ipsius plagae vis excitet ignem.  
 frigida cum venti pepulit vis missa sine igni,      310  
 nimirum quia, cum vementi percult ictu,  
 confluere ex ipso possunt elementa vaporis  
 et simul ex illa quae tum res excipit ictum;  
 ut, lapidem ferro cum caelimus, evolat ignis,  
 nec, quod frigida vis ferrist, hoc setius illi      315  
 semina concurrunt calidi fulgoris ad ictum.  
 sic igitur quoque res accendi fulmine debet,  
 opportuna fuit si forte et idonea flammis.  
 nec temere omnino plane vis frigida venti  
 esse potest, ea quae tanta vi missa supernest,  
 quin, prius in cursu si non accenditur igni,      320  
 at tepefacta tamen veniat commixta calore.

Mobilitas autem fit fulminis et gravis ictus,  
 et celeri ferme percurrunt fulmina lapsu,  
 nubibus ipsa quod omnino prius incita se vis      325

Bern. rightly for *valida*. *gravidam* Bentl. Lach. *fulmine* Mar. Ald. 1 Junt. for *culmine*.      298 *patrio* Flor. 31 Camb. 3 Vat. etc. for *spatio*. *quam spatio (quem patrio)* Ver. Ven. *Latio* B corr., perhaps rightly. *quem*. *quod* Camb. 2 Vat. Mar. Junt. Lamb.      302 *Dum venit, amittens*. ‘*Immo Cum venit amittens: alioquin oratio non constat*’ Lach.      308 *concepit* Flor. 31 Camb. Mon. Ver. Ven. for *concepit*.      309 *ipsius* Mar. Ald. 1 Junt. for *ipsis*.      315 *illi* Lach. for *ille*. *illa* Flor. 31 vulg.      320 *ea quae* Lach. first for *ex quae*. *ex quo* vulg. without sense. *tanta vi missa* Flor. 31 Camb. 2 Vat. Pont. for *tantaumissa*. *tanta immissa* Nicc. Ver. *tanta vi immissa* Mar. Ald. 1 Junt.      321 *cursu si* Flor. 31 Camb. for *cursus*.      323 *Mobilitas* A corr. Camb. etc. for *Nobilitas*.      324 *Et* Mar. Nauger. for *At*. *Ac* Junt. Wak. *percurrunt* Lach. for *percunt*. *pergunt* A corr. Nicc. *iam per-*

colligit et magnum conamen sumit eundi,  
inde ubi non potuit nubes capere in petis auctum,  
exprimitur vis atque ideo volat impete miro,  
ut validis quae de tormentis missa feruntur.  
adde quod e parvis et levibus est elementis,  
nec facilest tali naturae opsistere quicquam;  
inter enim fugit ac penetrat per rara viarum,  
non igitur multis offensibus in remorando  
haesitat, hanc ob rem celeri volat impete labens.  
deinde, quod omnino natura pondera deorsum  
omnia nituntur, cum plagast addita vero,  
mobilitas duplicatur et impetus ille gravescit,  
ut vementius et citius quaecunque morantur  
obvia discutiat plagis itinerque sequatur.  
denique quod longo venit impete, sumere debet  
mobilitatem etiam atque etiam, quae crescit eundo  
et validas auget viris et roborat ictum.  
nam facit ut quae sint illius semina cunque  
e regione locum quasi in unum cuncta ferantur,  
omnia coniciens in eum volventia cursum.  
forsitan ex ipso veniens trahat aere quaedam  
corpora quae plagis incidunt mobilitatem.  
incolumisque venit per res atque integra transit  
multa, foraminibus liquidus quia transvolat ignis.  
multaque perfringit, cum corpora fulminis ipsa  
corporibus rerum inciderunt, qua texta tenentur.  
dissoluit porro facile aes aurumque repente  
confervefacit, e parvis quia facta minute  
corporibus vis est et levibus ex elementis,  
quae facile insinuantur et insinuata repente  
dissoluont nodos omnis et vincla relaxant.  
autumnoque magis stellis fulgentibus apta

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*gunt* Flor. 31 Camb. 2 Vat. *pergunt sic* Mar. Junt. Lamb. 335 *Deinde, quod.* *Adde*  
*quod* Lach. which seems to me much weaker than the ms. reading. 336 *plagast*  
*Lach.* for *plaga si.* *plaga sit* Flor. 31 Camb. all before Lach. 347 *incident*  
*B* rightly. *incident* A Nicc. *intendunt* Mar. Ald. 1 Junt. Lamb. etc. 349  
*transvolat* Nauger. vulg. for *transviat.* *trameat* Gif. 350 *perfringit* Mar.  
*Ald. 1* Junt. vulg. for *perfrigit* B, *perfigit* A, *perfregit* A corr. all later mss. Ver.  
*Ven.*: comp. 138 *perfringens* A corr. vulg. *perfiniens* A, *perfrigens* B. Lach. keeps  
*perfigit*, which can hardly be right. 357 *apta* Turnebus Bentl. Wak. Lach. for

concutitur caeli domus undique totaque tellus,  
et cum tempora se *veris* florentia pandunt.  
frigore enim desunt ignes ventique calore      360  
deficiunt neque sunt tam denso corpore nubes,  
interutrasque igitur cum caeli tempora constant,  
tum variae causae concurrunt fulminis omnes.  
nam fretus ipse anni permiscet frigus *et* aestum,  
quorum utrumque opus est fabricanda ad fulmina nubi,      365  
ut discordia *sit* rerum magnoque tumultu  
ignibus et ventis furibundus fluctuet aer.  
prima caloris enim pars et postrema rigoris,  
tempus id est vernum; quare pugnare necessest  
dissimilis *res* inter se turbareque mixtas.      370  
et calor extremus primo cum frigore mixtus  
volvitur, autumni quod fertur nomine tempus,  
hic quoque configunt hiemes aestatibus acres.  
propterea *freta* sunt haec anni nominitanda,  
nec mirumst, in eo si tempore plurima fiunt      375  
fulmina tempestasque cietur turbida caelo,  
ancipiti quoniam bello turbatur utrimque,  
hinc flammis illinc ventis umoreque mixto.

Hoc est igniferi naturam fulminis ipsam  
perspicere et qua vi faciat rem quamque videre,      380  
non Tyrrhena retro volventem carmina frustra  
indicia occultae divum perquirere mentis,  
unde volans ignis pervenerit aut in utram se  
verterit hinc partim, quo pacto per loca saepa  
insinuarit, et hinc dominatus ut extulerit se,      385  
quidve nocere queat de caelo fulminis ictus.

- alta.*      359 *se veris* Flor. 31 Camb. Mar. etc. for *seris.*   *seris (veris)* Ver. Ven.  
 360 *calore* Mar. ap. Victor. in ed. Ven. Ald. 1 Junt. for *calores.*      362 *Interu-  
trasque.* *Interutraque* Lach.      364 *et* added by Mar. Junt. *frigidus aestum*  
Nicc. to Avanc. *ad aestum* Nonius.      365 *nubi* Lach. for *nobis* which has no  
sense.      366 *sit* added by Mar. Ald. 1 Junt. *sic* Flor. 31 Camb.      368 *et,*  
*rigoris* Mar. Junt. vulg. for *est, ligoris.* Lach. keeps *est*, and for *id* reads *ut.*  
 370 *res inter se* Flor. 31 Camb. 3 Vat. for *inter se.* *inter se res* Ver. Ven. Mar.  
vulg. Lach. wrongly, as *inter se* is metrically one word.      374 *freta* added by  
Lach. most acutely. Flor. 31 Camb. Mar. vulg. add *bella* after *haec.*      375 *eo si*  
B corr. Lamb. for *eos.* *si in eo sic* Camb. Mar. *si in eo tum* Avanc. *si in eo iam*  
Pont. Junt.      376 *cietur turbida* B corr. Flor. 31 Camb. Brix. for *cie turbida.*  
 382 *mentis* Flor. 31 Camb. 2 Vat. Mar. for *menti.*      384 *hinc* Mar. Lach. for *hic,*

quod si Iuppiter atque alii fulgentia divi  
terrifico quatiunt sonitu caelestia templa  
et iaciunt ignem quo quoiquest cumque voluptas,  
cur quibus incertum scelus aversabile cumquest  
non faciunt icti flamas ut fulguris halent  
pectore perfixo, documen mortalibus acre,  
et potius nulla sibi turpi conscius in re  
volvitur in flammis innoxius inque peditur  
turbine caelesti subito correptus et igni ?  
cur etiam loca sola petunt frustraque laborant ?  
an tum brachia consuescent firmantque lacertos ?  
in terraque patris cur telum perpetiuntur  
optundi ? cur ipse sinit neque pareit in hostis ?  
denique cur numquam caelo iacit undique puro  
Iuppiter in terras fulmen sonitusque profundit ?  
an simul ac nubes successere, ipse in eas tum  
descendit, prope ut hinc teli determinet ictus ?  
in mare qua porro mittit ratione ? quid undas  
arguit et liquidam molem camposque natantis ?  
praeterea si vult caveamus fulminis ictum,  
cur dubitat facere ut possimus cernere missum ?  
si nec opinantis autem volt opprimere igni,  
cur tonat ex illa parte, ut vitare queamus,  
cur tenebras ante et fremitus et murmura concit ?  
et simul in multas partis qui credere possis  
mittere ? an hoc ausis numquam contendere factum,  
ut fierent ictus uno sub tempore plures ?  
at saepest numero factum fierique necesset,  
ut pluere in multis regionibus et cadere imbris,  
fulmina sic uno fieri sub tempore multa.  
postremo cur sancta deum delubra suasque  
discutit infesto praeclaras fulmine sedes  
et bene facta deum frangit simulacula suisque  
demit imaginibus violento volnere honorem ?

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as in 88.      389 *quo quoiquest.* *quo cuique est* Flor. 31 Camb. Mar. etc. for *quo inuest.* *voluptas* Junt. first (not Flor. 31 or Mar.) for *voluntas.*      401 *Iuppiter in terras* Nicc. B corr. for *Iuppiterras:* but both B and Nicc. spell *Jupiter.*      402 *ipse in eas tum* Lamb. first for *ipse in aestum.* *ipsus in aestum* Flor. 31 Camb. 3 Vat. Mar. Wak.      406 *Praeterea.* *Propterea* A Nicc. *si vult Avanc.* Candidus at end of Junt. Nauger. for *si vivit B, si iuvit A, senuit Nicc. sevi ut* Flor. 31 Camb.

altaque cur plerumque petit loca plurimaque eius  
montibus in summis vestigia cernimus ignis?

Quod superest, facilest ex his cognoscere rebus,  
presteras Grai quos ab re nominitarunt,

in mare qua missi veniant ratione superne.

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nam fit ut interdum tamquam demissa columna  
in mare de caelo descendat, quam freta circum  
fervescunt graviter spirantibus incita flabris,  
et quaecumque in eo tum sint deprensa tumultu  
navigia in summum veniant vexata periculum.

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hoc fit ubi interdum non quit vis incita venti  
rumpere quam coepit nubem, sed deprimit, ut sit  
in mare de caelo tamquam demissa columna,  
paulatim, quasi quid pugno bracchique superne  
coniectu trudatur et extendatur in undas;

435

quam cum discidit, hinc prorumpitur in mare venti  
vis et fervorem mirum concinnat in undis;  
versabundus enim turbo descendit et illam  
deducit pariter lento cum corpore nubem;

quam simul ac gravidam detrusit ad aequora ponti,  
ille in aquam subito totum se inmittit et omne  
excitat ingenti sonitu mare fervere cogens.

440

fit quoque ut involvat venti se nubibus ipse  
vertex conradens ex aere semina nubis  
et quasi demissum caelo presta imitetur.

445

hic ubi se in terras demisit dissoluitque,  
turbinis inmanem vim provomit atque procellae.  
sed quia fit raro omnino montisque necessest  
officere in terris, appetet crebrius idem  
prospectu maris in magno caeloque patenti.

450

Nubila concrescunt, ubi corpora multa volando

*saevi ut Mar. Junt.*      421 *loca* B corr. Flor. 31 Camb. Mon. Ver. Ven. for *ioca*.  
*que eius* Lach. for *que plus*.    *que huius* Lamb.      424 *Grai* Flor. 31 Camb.  
Brix. for *Grali*.    *Graii* B corr. Mar.    *Graiei* Lach.: Lucretius wrote either *Graiei*  
or *Grai*, not *Graii*.      426 *tamquam* Flor. 31 Camb. Ver. Ven. Mar. for *tam cum*.

428 *incita* Flor. 31 Camb. Mar. etc. for *lacita*.      430 *veniant* Lach. for *veniunt*:  
Flor. 31 Mar. Junt. Lamb. vulg. keep *veniunt*, and 429 read *sunt*.      440 *detrusit*  
Lamb. first for *detruit*.    *detrudit* A corr. Nicc.      447 *procellae* Flor. 31 Vat. 640  
Urbin. Vat. 1136 Othob. Mar. for *procellat* which Wak. absurdly retains.      449  
*Officere* Flor. 31 Camb. Mon. for *Officeret*.      452 *supero* Lach. for *super*.    *supera*

hoc supero in caeli spatio coiere repente  
asperiora, moris quae possint indupedita  
exiguis tamen inter se compresa teneri.  
haec faciunt primum parvas consistere nubes; 455  
inde haec comprehendunt inter se conque gregantur  
et coniungendo crescent ventisque feruntur  
usque adeo donec tempestas saeva coortast.  
fit quoque uti montis vicina cacumina caelo  
quam sint quoque magis, tanto magis edita fument 460  
adsidue furvae nubis caligine crassa  
propterea quia, cum consistunt nubila primum,  
ante videre oculi quam possint, tenvia, venti  
portantes cogunt ad summa cacumina montis.  
hic demum fit uti turba maiore coorta 465  
et condensa queant apparere et simul ipso  
vertice de montis videantur surgere in aethram.  
nam loca declarat sursum ventosa patere  
res ipsa et sensus, montis cum ascendimus altos.  
praeterea permulta mari quoque tollere toto 470  
corpora naturam declarant litore vestes  
suspensae, cum concipiunt umoris adhaesum.  
quo magis ad nubis augendas multa videntur  
posse quoque e salso consurgere momine ponti;  
nam ratio consanguineast umoribus ollis. 475  
praeterea fluvii ex omnibus et simul ipsa

Lamb. conj. *coiere* Flor. 31 Camb. Brix. Mar. for *coire*. 453 *moris* Lach. for  
*modis*: a certain correction. 454 *compresa* Mar. Lamb. for *compressa*. 456  
*haec* Lach. for *ea*: *ea* might possibly be defended by 188, and 215 *eas*: see notes 2  
there: but the harshness would be very great. 460 *quoque*, *quaeque* Camb.  
2 Vat. Ald. 1 Mar. Junt. Lamb. etc. wrongly. 461 *furvae* Bentl. Lach. for  
*fulvae*. *nubis* Mar. Ald. 1 Junt. for *nubes*. 465 *turba maiore* Pont. Mar. Ald.  
1 Junt. for *turbam* or *turba minore* Flor. 31 Camb. 466 *Et condensa*  
*queant* *apparere* Lach. most acutely for *Et condensatque arta parere*. *Et condensa*  
*atque arta* Flor. 31, 3 Vat. Pont. Mar. Avanc. at end of Catullus. 467 *vide-*  
*antur* Flor. 31 Camb. Vat. 640 Urbin. 1136 Othob. Lamb. for *videatur*. 468  
*loca* Flor. 31 Camb. Mar. Junt. for *lo.* so Nicc. *se* Brix. Ver. Ven. Ald. 1. 469  
*et sensus* Avanc. for *et sensum*: Mar. Junt. Nauger. have *ad sensum*. 473 *Quo*  
*magis* Mon. Ald. 1 Junt. for *Quod magis*. 474 *consurgere momine* Flor. 31  
Camb. Vat. 1136 and 1954 Othob. Mar. for *consurgerem homine*. 475 *consan-*  
*guineast* Is. Voss. in ms. notes for *consanguinea se*. *cum sanguine ob eumoribus*  
Nicc. *cum sanguine abest* Flor. 31 Camb. 4 Vat. Lamb. *ollis* Lach. for *omnis*.  
Avanc. at end of Catullus says ‘non percipio illum mancum versum *Nam ratio cum*

surgere de terra nebulas aestumque videmus,  
 quae velut halitus hinc ita sursum expressa feruntur  
 suffunduntque sua caelum caligine et altas  
 sufficient nubis paulatim conveniundo;                          480  
 urget enim quoque signiferi super aetheris aestus  
 et quasi densendo subtexit caerulea nimbis.  
 fit quoque ut huc veniant in caelum extrinsecus illa  
 corpora quae faciunt nubis nimbose volantis;  
 innumerabilem enim numerum summamque profundi                  485  
 esse infinitam docui, quantaque volarent  
 corpora mobilitate ostendi quamque repente  
 inmemorabile per spatiū transire solerent.  
 haut igitur mirumst si parvo tempore saepe  
 montibu' tam magnis tempestas atque tenebrae                  490  
 coperiunt maria ac terras impensa superne,  
 undique quandoquidem per caulas aetheris omnis  
 et quasi per magni circum spiracula mundi  
 exitus introitusque elementis redditus extat.

Nunc age, quo pacto pluvius concrescat in altis                  495  
 nubibus umor et in terras demissus ut imber  
 decidat, expediam. primum iam semina aquai  
 multa simul vincam consurgere nubibus ipsis  
 omnibus ex rebus pariterque ita crescere utrumque  
 et nubis et aquam quaecumque in nubibus extat,                  500  
 ut pariter nobis corpus cum sanguine crescit,  
 sudor item atque umor quicunque est denique membris.  
 concipiunt etiam multum quoque saepe marinum  
 umorem, veluti pendentia vellera lanae,  
 cum supera magnum mare venti nubila portant.                  505

*sanguine ab humoribus omnis':* which he found in Ven.                  483 *huc* Vat. 3276  
 Avanc. for *hunc*. *hinc* Flor. 31 Camb. 2 Vat. Mon. *hunc coetum* Mar. Junt. Lamb.  
 vulg. *illa* Flor. 31 Camb. Vat. 640 Urbin. Mar. for *illi A, ille B.*                  488 *per*  
 added by Pont. Mar. Junt.                  490 *Montibu' tam magnis* Ed. for *Tam magnis*  
*montis: Tam magnis montib.* was the first corruption: see 189 and iv 140. *Tam magnis nimbis* Lach. *Tam magnae molis* Bern. *Tam magnos montis* Pont. Mar. Ald. 1  
 Junt. vulg.                  491 *Coperiunt* Lach. rightly for *Coperiant*. [I now think it pro-  
 bable that Lucr. wrote *coperiant* as given by the mss: compare Cic. Laelius 29 *quid*  
*mirum est si animi hominum moveantur?* see Mueller ap. Seyffert p. 206: so here  
 Lucr. seems to realise a special case before his eyes.]                  492 *caulas* Mar. Ald. 1  
 Junt. for *cavias*.                  496 *demissus* Flor. 31 Mon. Lamb. for *dimissus*.  
 498 *vincam* Flor. 31 Camb. Mon. Ver. Ven. for *vineam*.                  503 *Concipiunt*

consimili ratione ex omnibus amnibus umor  
 tollitur in nubis. quo cum bene semina aquarum  
 multa modis multis convenere undique aducta,  
 confertae nubes *umorem* mittere certant  
 dupliciter; nam vis venti contrudit et ipsa  
 copia nimborum turba maiore coacta  
 urget, de supero premit ac facit effluere imbris.  
 praeterea cum rarescunt quoque nubila ventis  
 aut dissolvuntur, solis super icta calore,  
 mittunt umorem pluvium stillantque, quasi igni  
 cera super calido tabescens multa liquecat. 515  
 sed veniens imber fit, ubi vementer utraque  
 nubila vi cumulata premuntur et impete venti.  
 atque tenere diu pluviae longumque morari  
 consuerunt, ubi multa carent semina aquarum  
 atque aliis aliae nubes nimbique rigantes  
 insuper atque omni vulgo de parte feruntur,  
 terraque cum fumans umorem tota redhalat.  
 hic ubi sol radiis tempestatem inter opacam  
 adversa fulsit nimborum aspargine contra,  
 tum color in nigris existit nubibus arqui. 525

Cetera quae sorsum crescent sorsumque creatur,  
 et quae concrescent in nubibus, omnia, prorsum  
 omnia, nix venti grando gelidaeque pruinae  
 et vis magna geli, magnum duramen aquarum,  
 et mora quae fluvios passim refrenat euntis, 530

Brix. Pont. Mar. for *Concidunt*. 509 *umorem* Ed. for *vi venti* which as  
 Creech has seen comes from the *vis venti* of 510: he proposes *imbris tum*: what  
 Lucr. wrote must be quite uncertain. *umentia* Lach. after a conj. of Wak. 511  
*turba maiore* Mar. Ald. 1 Junt. for *turbam more*: the same error as in 465. *minore*  
*Flor.* 31 Camb. 3 Vat. 512 *Urget de supero* Lach. for *Urgete supero*. *Urget*  
*et e supero* A corr. Nicc. vulg. 515 *stillantque* B corr. Lamb. for *stillante*.

516 *Cera* Flor. 31 Pont. Mar. Ald. 1 Junt. for *Tela*. *Teda* B corr. 518 *vi.*  
*aquis* Lach. thereby ruining the sense. 519 *Atque tenere* Lach. for *At*  
*retineret*. *At remanere* Bern. 520 *cientur* Lach. from a conj. of Wak., for  
*fientur*. *fluentur* Flor. 31 Camb. Wak. *fuerunt* Mar. Ald. 1 Junt. 523  
*umorem* AB: often as this and cognate words occur, this is the only  
 instance where B has the aspirate: A has it in three other places: II 1114 *Umor ad*  
*umorem* A. *redhalat* Is. Voss. in ms. notes for *redralat*: he also proposes *relatrat*  
*'i.e. reponscit'*. *rehalat* A corr. vulg. 524 *inter* Nicc. for *inte* B, *ime* A.

527 *sorsum...sorsumque* Koch in Rhein. mus. n. f. VIII p. 640 for *sursum...sursum-*  
*que*. *cursu...cursuque* Lach. 531 *euntis* B corr. Pont. Avanc. for *avintis*. *aventis*

perfacilest tamen haec reperire animoque videre  
omnia quo pacto fiant quareve creentur,  
cum bene cognoris elementis redditia quae sint.

Nunc age quae ratio terrai motibus extet      535  
percipe. et in primis terram fac ut esse rearis  
super item ut supera ventosis undique plenam  
speluncis multosque lacus multasque lucunas  
in gremio gerere et rupes deruptaque saxa;  
multaque sub tergo terrai flumina tecta      540  
volvere vi fluctus summersaque saxa putandumst;  
undique enim similem esse sui res postulat ipsa.  
his igitur rebus subiunctis suppositisque      545  
terra superne tremit magnis concussa ruinis,  
subter ubi ingentis speluncas subruit aetas;  
quippe cadunt toti montes magnoque repente  
concussu late disserpunt inde tremores.  
et merito, quoniam plaustri concussa tremescunt      550  
tecta viam propter non magno pondere tota,  
nec minus exultant, ut scrupus cumque viai  
ferratos utrimque rotarum succutit orbes.  
fit quoque, ubi in magnas aquiae vastasque lucunas  
gleba vetustate e terra provolvitur ingens,  
ut iactetur aquae fluctu quoque terra vacillans;

A corr. *aquantis* Flor. 31 Mar. Junt.      533 *fiant* Mar. Ald. 1 Junt. for *fluant*.  
 536 *terram* Flor. 31 Camb. etc. for *terrás*.      537 *supera* Avanc. for *super*.  
*supra est* Mar. Junt. *supera'st* Lamb. etc. *rentosis* Wak. for *ventis*, 'egregie' says  
Lach. justly.      541 *summersaque saxa* Flor. 31 Camb. 3 Vat. Mar. vulg. for  
*summersosca*. 'summerso capte i.e. capite. sic Enn. *Capitibus nutantes pinus*' Is.  
Voss. in ms. notes.      542 *similem* Junt. first for *simile*. *esse sui* Ald. 1 Junt.  
for *esse vi*. *simile esse et par* Mar.      548 *plaustri* Lach. for *plaustris*.      550  
*exultant*, *ut scrupus cumque viai* Ed. for *exultantes dupuis cumque vim*: see notes 2:  
Lach. rightly saw that *vim* meant *viai*: so 465 and 511 the mss. have *mmore* for  
*maiore*; but the rest of his reading *et ubi lapi*? *cumque* seems to me to pervert the  
meaning, as Lucr. is giving two distinct instances of great results from small causes;  
and it would be a really monstrous exaggeration to say that houses shake in the  
way a carriage does, when the wheels are struck up by a stone on the road. *ubi*  
*currus cumque equum vi* Flor. 31 Camb. and 3 Vat.: but Camb. in text and Vat.  
1136 Othob. in marg. have also the ms. reading. *ubi currus cumque equitum vis* Mar.  
Junt. Lamb. ed. 1. *ubi currus fortis equum vis* ed. 2 and 3, the *fortis equum vis*  
being from Avauc. *aedes*, *ubi cumque equitum vis* Wak. *sola Pisacumque flumen* Is.  
Voss. in ms. notes: he adds *cum* after *Ferratos*.      552 *in magnas aquiae*. *magnas in*  
*aquae* Lamb. vulg. before Lach.      554 *vacillans* B corr. Avanc. for *vacillas*.

ut vas interdum non quit constare, nisi humor  
destitit in dubio fluctu iactarier intus. 555

Praeterea ventus cum per loca subcava terrae  
collectus parte ex una procumbit et urget  
obnixus magnis speluncas viribus altas,  
incumbit tellus quo venti prona premit vis.  
560  
tum supera terram quae sunt extorta domorum  
ad caelumque magis quanto sunt edita quaeque,  
inclinata tument in eandem prolita partem  
protractaque trabes inpendent ire paratae.  
et metuant magni naturam credere mundi  
exitiale aliquod tempus clademque manere,  
cum videant tantam terrarum incumbere molem!  
quod nisi respirent venti, vis nulla refrenet  
res neque ab exitio possit reprehendere cuntis.  
565  
nunc quia respirant alternis inque gravescunt  
et quasi collecti redeunt ceduntque repulsi,  
saepius hanc ob rem minitur terra ruinas  
quam facit; inclinatur enim retroque recellit  
et recipit prolapsa suas in pondere sedes.  
hac igitur ratione vacillant omnia tecta,  
575  
summa magis mediis, media imis, ima perhilum.

Est haec eiusdem quoque magni causa tremoris,  
ventus ubi atque animae subito vis maxima quaedam  
aut extrinsecus aut ipsa tellure coorta  
in loca se cava terrai coniecit ibique  
580  
speluncas inter magnas fremit ante tumultu  
versabundaque portatur, post incita cum vis

555 *inter dum* Lach. for *inter.* *in terra* Mar. Ald. 1 Junt. vulg. perhaps rightly.

563 *Inclinata tument* Ed. with Vat. 3276 for *Inclinata minent:* the *tu* was absorbed by the preceding *ta* and then *ment* passed into *minent:* the Verona palimpsest of Lucan v 160 has *consultamultu* for *consulta tumultu:* comp. 1195 *tenta mebat* of mss. for *tenta tumebat*, and v 1409 *servare genus* for *servare recens*. *Inclinata* meant Lach. *abeunt* Bern. *minant* Flor. 31 Camb. Mar. Ald. 1 Junt.: see Prisc. inst. viii 29: I wrongly read *minantur* in small ed. *micant* Pius in text. Lamb. retains *minent*. At the end of this verse A and Nicc. have a. a. q. q. B has *aqueq.* which Bern. praef. p. iii thinks a mere repetition of the end of 562, A introducing a further corruption: but Nicc. proves that the archetype agreed with A, not B. 568 *venti, vis nulla* Mar. Wak. for *ventis nulla*. 574 *in pondere* A Nicc. vulg. rightly. *in pondera* B Turneb. Lach. The passages I quote in notes 2 will prove that Turneb. and Lach. are quite mistaken in supposing that the sing.

exagitata foras erumpitur et simul altam  
 diffindens terram magnum concinnat hiatum.  
 in Syria Sidone quod accidit et fuit Aegi 585  
 in Peloponneso, quas exitus hic animai  
 disturbat urbes et terrae motus obortus.  
 multaque praeterea ceciderunt moenia magnis  
 motibus in terris et multae per mare pessum  
 subsedere suis pariter cum civibus urbes.  
 590  
 quod nisi prorumpit, tamen impetus ipse animai  
 et fera vis venti per crebra foramina terrae  
 dispertitur ut horror et incutit inde tremorem;  
 frigus uti nostros penitus cum venit in artus,  
 concutit invitox cogens tremere atque movere.  
 595  
 ancipiti trepidant igitur terrore per urbis,  
 tecta superne timent, metuunt inferne cavernas  
 terrai ne dissoluat natura repente,  
 neu distracta suum late dispendat hiatum  
 adque suis confusa velit completere ruinis.  
 600  
 proinde licet quamvis caelum terramque reantur  
 incorrupta fore aeternae mandata saluti;  
 et tamen interdum praesens vis ipsa pericli  
 subdit et hunc stimulum quadam de parte timoris,  
 ne pedibus raptim tellus subtracta feratur  
 605  
 in barathrum rerumque sequatur prodita summa  
 funditus et fiat mundi confusa ruina.

[Principio mare mirantur non reddere maius  
 naturam, quo sit tantus decursus aquarum,  
 omnia quo veniant ex omni flumina parte.  
 610  
 adde vagos imbris tempestatesque volantes,  
 omnia quae maria ac terras sparguntque rigantque;  
 adde suos fontis; tamen ad maris omnia summam

cannot be used in the same sense as the plur. 582 *que* added by Flor. 31  
 Camb. Pont. etc. 585 *Syria. Tyria* Lamb. etc. without cause. 586  
*quas* Avanc. for *qua.* 588 *ceciderunt* Mon. Ver. Ven. for *cecideret.* *cecidere* et  
 Flor. 31 Camb. 589 *pessum* Nicc. B corr. for *possum.* 600 *Adque* Lach.  
 for *Idque. Imque* Lamb. in the additions to ed. 3. 604 *Subdit et hunc* A Flor. 31  
 Camb. etc. *Subdita et hunc* BA corr. Nicc. *Subdit athuc* Lach. *Subditat hunc*  
 Mar. Junt. Lamb. etc. 605 *subtracta* Nicc. for *substructa.* 608—638 are  
 proved by Lach. to be quite unconnected with what precedes or follows. Mar. Junt.  
 vulg. prefix this verse *Nunc ratio reddenda augmen cur nesciat aequor.* 609

guttai vix instar erunt unius adaugmen;  
 quo minus est mirum mare non augescere magnum. 615  
 praeterea magnam sol partem detrahit aestu.  
 quippe videmus enim vestis umore madentis  
 exsiccare suis radiis ardentibus solem:  
 at pelage multa et late substrata videmus.  
 proinde licet quamvis ex uno quoque loco sol  
 umoris parvam delibet ab aequore partem; 620  
 largiter in tanto spatio tamen auferet undis.  
 tum porro venti quoque magnam tollere partem  
 umoris possunt verrentes aequora, ventis  
 una nocte vias quoniam persaepe videmus  
 siccari mollisque luti concrescere crustas. 625  
 praeterea docui multum quoque tollere nubes  
 umorem magno conceptum ex aequore ponti  
 et passim toto terrarum spargere in orbi,  
 cum pluit in terris et venti nubila portant.  
 postremo quoniam raro cum corpore tellus  
 est, et coniunctast, oras maris undique cingens,  
 debet, ut in mare de terris venit umor aquai,  
 in terras itidem manare ex aequore salso;  
 percolatur enim virus retroque remanat 630  
 materies umoris et ad caput amnibus omnis  
 confluit, inde super terras redit agmine dulci  
 qua via secta semel liquido pede detulit undas.]  
 Nunc ratio quae sit, per fauces montis ut Aetnae  
 expirent ignes interdum turbine tanto, 635  
 expediam. neque enim mediocri clade coorta  
 flammea tempestas Siculum dominata per agros  
 finitimus ad se convertit gentibus ora,

*Naturam Pont. Mar. Ald. 1 Junt.* first for *Natura.* 614 *adaugmen.* *ad augmen*  
*Nicc.* followed by all mss. and eds. before Lach. 616 *magnam sol* *Pont. Junt.*  
*for sol magnam.* *magnam partem sol* *Mar.* 624 *aequora, ventis* Lach. *for*  
*aequora venti.* *aequora ponti* Nicc. vulg. perhaps rightly, as the words are often  
*confused:* comp. i 276: and *ventis* is somewhat awkward. 629 *orbi* *Mar. Junt.*  
*for orbis.* *orbe* *Flor. 31 Camb. Avanc.* 632 *maris B corr.* *Pont. Mar. Junt.*  
*(not Flor. 31) for magis.* 638 *pede detulit A corr.* *for pede tulit.* 641  
*mediocri clade coorta* Is. Voss. in ms. notes for *media grecia de coorta:* a fine and  
 certain correction. *media de glade* *Vat. 1954 Othob.* *media de clade* two *Vat. Pius*  
 in notes, Nauger. Lamb. *media quae clade* *Avanc.* *dia de clade* *Fab.* *Enceladi*  
*de clade* Bentl. before he knew Vossius' emendation. 642 *Flammea* Heins. in

fumida cum caeli scintillare omnia templa  
cernentes pavida complebant pectora cura,  
quid moliretur rerum natura novarum.

645

Hisce tibi in rebus latest alteque videndum  
et longe cunctas in partis dispiciendum,  
ut reminiscaris summam rerum esse profundam  
et videoas caelum summai totius unum  
quam sit parvula pars et quam multesima constet,  
nec tota pars, homo terrai quota totius unus.  
quod bene propositum si plane contueare  
ac videoas plane, mirari multa relinquas.

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numquis enim nostrum miratur si quis in artus  
acepit calido febrim fervore coortam  
aut alium quemvis morbi per membra dolorem?  
opturgescit enim subito pes, arripit acer  
saepe dolor dentes, oculos invadit in ipsos,  
existit sacer ignis et urit corpore serpens  
quamcumque arripuit partim, reptique per artus,  
nimirum quia sunt multarum semina rerum,  
et satis haec tellus nobis caelumque mali fert,  
unde queat vis immensi procerescere morbi.

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sic igitur toti caelo terraeque putandumst  
ex infinito satis omnia suppeditare,  
unde repente queat tellus concussa moveri  
perque mare ac terras rapidus percurrere turbo,  
ignis abundare Aetnaeus, flammescere caelum;  
id quoque enim fit et ardescunt caelestia templa,  
et tempestates pluviae graviore coortu  
sunt, ubi forte ita se tetulerunt semina aquarum.  
'at nimis est ingens incendi turbidus ardor.'  
scilicet et fluvius quivis est maximus ei  
qui non ante aliquem maiorem vidit, et ingens  
arbor homoque videtur, et omnia de genere omni

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ms. notes for *Flimmae.* 648 *dispiciendum* Nice. for *despiciendum.* 652  
corrupted by Mar. Junt. Lamb. etc. 653 *propositum* B corr. Ver. Ven. Mar.  
for *propositus.* *propositum est* Flor. 31 Camb. *plane* B corr. Flor. 31 Camb. Mon.  
for *plani.* 663 *nobis* Mar. Junt. Lamb. etc. for *morbi* which has come from  
664. *orbi* Lach. 674 *quivis est* Bentl. for *qui visus.* *quivis ut* Heins. in ms.  
notes, and Is. Voss. in ms. notes. *qui non est* Lamb. *est* is added after *ei* by Flor.

maxima quae vidit quisque, haec ingentia fingit,  
cum tamen omnia cum caelo terraque marique  
nil sint ad summam summai totius omnem.

Nunc tamen illa modis quibus irritata repente      680  
flamma foras vastis Aetnae fornacibus efflet,  
expediam. primum totius subcava montis  
est natura, fere silicum suffulta cavernis.

omnibus est porro in speluncis ventus et aer;  
ventus enim fit, ubi est agitando percitus aer.      685  
hic ubi percaluit calefecitque omnia circum  
saxa furens, qua contingit, terraque, et ab ollis  
excussit calidum flammis velocibus ignem,  
tollit se ac rectis ita faucibus eicit alte.

fert itaque ardorem longe longeque favillam      690  
differt et crassa volvit caligine fumum  
extruditque simul mirando pondere saxa;  
ne dubites quin haec animai turbida sit vis.  
praeterea magna ex parti mare montis ad eius  
radices frangit fluctus aestumque resorbet.      695  
ex hoc usque mari speluncae montis ad altas  
perveniunt subter fauces. hac ire fatendumst

et penetrare mari penitus res cogit aperto  
atque efflare foras ideoque extollere flamمام  
saxaque subiectare et arenae tollere nimbos.      700  
in summo sunt vertice enim crateres, ut ipsi  
nominitant; nos quod fauces perhibemus et ora.

Sunt aliquot quoque res quarum unam dicere causam  
non satis est, verum pluris, unde una tamen sit;

31 Camb. one Vat. Lamb.      683 *fere silicum* A corr. Flor. 31 Camb. for *feres*  
*illi cum.*      687 *contingit* Flor. 31 Brix. Mar. for *contigit.*      690 *Fert itaque*  
Heins. in ms. notes and Lach. for *Fert itaque.* *Fecitque* Nicc. *Vertitque* Is. Voss.  
in ms. notes.      695 *resorbet* Flor. 31 Camb. 3 Vat. Mar. for *resolut:* a fine  
correction.      697 see Camb. Journ. of phil. 1 p. 40, where I said that at least  
one verse is here lost: in the smaller ed. I proposed a verse such as this, *Fluctibus*  
*admixtam vim venti; intrareque ab isto:* which will serve to shew the general  
meaning. Lach. violently reads *penitus percoceta in apertum* for *penitus res cogit*  
*aperto.*      701 *vertice enim* Turneb. advers. xxii 19, Is. Voss. in ms. notes, Bentl.  
for *verticeni.* Turneb. also proposes and seems to prefer *vertigeni* which Lamb.  
ed. 3 adopts from him. *vertice item* Mar. Ald. 1 Junt.      702 *quod.* *quas* Pont.

corpus ut exanimum siquod procul ipse iacere  
conspicias hominis, fit ut omnis dicere causas  
conveniat leti, dicatur ut illius una.

705

nam neque eum ferro nec frigore vincere possis  
interiisse neque a morbo neque forte veneno,  
verum aliquid genere esse ex hoc quod contigit ei  
scimus. item in multis hoc rebus dicere habemus.

710

Nilus in aestatem crescit campisque redundat,  
unicus in terris Aegypti totius amnis.

is rigat Aegyptum medium per saepe calorem,  
aut quia sunt aestate aquilones ostia contra,  
anni tempore eo qui etesiae esse feruntur,  
et contra flumen flantes remorantur et undas  
cogentes sursus replent coguntque manere.

715

nam dubio procul haec adverso flabra feruntur  
flumine, quae gelidis ab stellis axis aguntur.  
ille ex aestifera parti venit amnis ab austro,  
inter nigra virum percocto saecla colore  
exoriens penitus media ab regione diei.

720

est quoque uti possit magnus congestus harenae  
fluctibus adversis oppilare ostia contra,  
cum mare permotum ventis ruit intus harenam;  
quo fit uti pacto liber minus exitus amni  
et proclivis item fiat minus impetus undis.  
fit quoque uti pluviae forsan magis ad caput ei

725

tempore eo fiant, quod etesia flabra aquilonum  
nubila coniciunt in eas tunc omnia partis.

730

scilicet ad medianam regionem electa diei  
cum convenerunt, ibi ad altos denique montis  
contrusae nubes coguntur vique premuntur.  
forsitan Aethiopum penitus de montibus altis

735

Mar. Junt. Lamb. etc. wrongly : see Lach. iii 94. 705 *iucere* Flor. 31 Camb.  
Brix. Mar. for *iaceret*. 708 *nam neque* Flor. 31 Camb. Mar. for *namque*.

710 *Verum* Mar. Ald. 1 Junt. for *Utrum*. *contigit ei* (*eii*) Is. Voss. in ms. notes  
for *contioitel* A, *contioite* B, *contioites* Nicc. two Vat.: a certain correction. *concio*  
*dicat* Flor. 31 two Vat. Ald. 1 Lamb. ed. 1 and 3. *concio credat* Camb. one Vat.  
Mon. Junt. Lamb. ed. 2. 719 *flabra* Flor. 31 Camb. Ver. Ven. for *flabro*.

727 *amni* Mar. Junt. for *amnis*. 729 *ei* AB Nicc. all Vat. Brix. Ver. Ven. *eius*  
Flor. 31 Camb. Pont. Mar. Ald. 1 Junt. vulg. before Lach. 730 *quod* Mar. Junt.  
rightly for *quo*, as tunc follows : but as Junt. writes it compendiously, no one before

creseat, ubi in campos albas descendere ningues  
tabificis subigit radiis sol omnia lustrans.

Nunc age, Averna tibi quae sint loca cumque lacusque  
expediam, quali natura praedita constent.

principio quod Averna vocantur nomine, id ab re 740

impositumst, quia sunt avibus contraria cunctis,

e regione ea quod loca cum venere volantes,

remigi oblitae pennarum vela remittunt

praecipitesque cadunt molli cervice profusae

in terram, si forte ita fert natura locorum,

aut in aquam, si forte lacus substratus Avernist. 745

is locus est Cumas aput, acri sulpure montes

oppleti calidis ubi fumant fontibus aucti.

est et Athenaeis in moenibus, arcis in ipso

vertice, Palladis ad templum Tritonidis almae,

quo numquam pennis appellunt corpora raucae

cornices, non cum fumant altaria donis:

usque adeo fugitant non iras Palladis acris

pervigili causa, Graium ut cecinere poetae,

sed natura loci ope sufficit ipsa suapte. 755

in Syria quoque fertur item locus esse videri,

quadripedes quoque quo simul ac vestigia primum

intulerint, graviter vis cogat concidere ipsa,

manibus ut si sint divis mactata repente.

omnia quae naturali ratione geruntur, 760

Lach. adopted it. 736 *descendere* Lamb. for *decedere*. 740 *quod.* quo Lach.: I now think him wrong. *quod..., nomen id* Flor. 31 Mar. Ald. 1 Junt. vulg. before Wak. *nomen aornis* Gervas. Tilleberiensis: see Lach. 743 *Remigii* Mar. Junt., *Remigi oblitae* Lach. for *Remigio oblitae*. 746 *substratus* Brix. Avanc. Nauger., *subiratus* (*substratus*) Ver. Ven. for *subiratus*. *Avernist* Ed., *Averno'st* Lamb., for *Averni*. Lach. inserts *est* before *si forte*; but the passage he quotes in support is not more in point than the one he cites in favour of *aut sex* in iv 303 (327), the metre there ruling the order of the words. 747 *Is* B. *His* A Nice. *acri sulpure* Salmas. Heins. in ms. notes, Is. Voss, in ms. notes, Bentl. for *ecri suiper*: the readings of older editors are too absurd to mention. *montes* B, *montis* A Nice. which is probably what Lucr. wrote. For *montes...aucti* Heins. suggests *olentes...agri*. 749 *Est et.* *Est ut* Lach. intolerant of *et* for *etiam*. 755 *ope sufficit* Ed. for *opus efficit*: a transposition of only two letters: comp. iii 374. *vi ibus officit* Lach.: a harsh and inadmissible elision: see L. Mueller de re metr. p. 284. *loci hoc opus* Avanc. Lamb. *suapte.* *sua vi* Lamb. 759 *si sint divis mactata.* *si fit divis mactatu'* Lach.: an awkward and uncalled-for change: see iv 934. *fit* seems hardly Latin, the

et quibus effiant causis apparet origo ;  
ianua ne forte his Orci regionibus esse  
credatur, post hinc animas Acheruntis in oras  
ducere forte deos manis inferne reamur,  
naribus alipedes ut cervi saepe putantur  
ducere de latebris serpentia saecula ferarum.  
quod procul a vera quam sit ratione repulsum  
percipe ; nam de re nunc ipsa dicere conor.

765

Principio hoc dico, quod dixi saepe quoque ante,  
in terra cuiusque modi rerum esse figuræ;

770

multa, cibo quæ sunt, vitalia, multaque, morbos  
icutere et mortem quæ possint adcelerare.

et magis esse aliis alias animantibus aptas  
res ad vitai rationem ostendimus ante  
propter dissimilem naturam dissimilisque  
texturas inter sese primasque figuræ.

775

multa meant inimica per auris, multa per ipsas  
insinuant naris infesta atque aspera iactu,  
nec sunt multa parum tactu vitanda neque autem  
aspectu fugienda saporeque tristia quæ sint.

780

Deinde videre licet quam multæ sint homini res  
acriter infesto sensu spurcaeque gravesque ;  
arboribus primum certis gravis umbra tributa  
usque adeo, capitis faciant ut saepe dolores,  
siquis eas super iacuit prostratus in herbis.  
est etiam magnis Heliconis montibus arbos

785

structure of the sentence calling for a subjunctive. 761 *effiant causis* Lach. for *e*  
*fiant causis*: perhaps *efiant*. *e causis fiant* Flor. 31 Camb. 3 Vat. Mar. vulg.  
rightly perhaps. 762 *ne forte his* Ed. for *ne potis*. *ne potis* A corr. Nicc. :  
perhaps *is* should be retained. *puteis* Turneb. *Puteis* Lach. i. e. Puteolanis: a  
quite unexampled form, and not I think suited to the context. *ne potius* Flor. 31  
Camb. 2 Vat. Mar. etc.: hence Lamb. *ne his Orci potius*. *ne posita hiis* Wak.

763 *post hinc. posta, hinc* Mar. Junt. Lamb. etc.764 *inferne* Lamb. for *inferna*.

768 *nam de re nunc ipsa* B. *de re om.* A: hence omitted or trans-  
posed in later mss. *namque ipsa de re* vulg. 771 *cibo quæ sunt* Wak, first for  
*cibo eque sunt*. *homini quæ sunt* Lamb. etc. 777 *auris* Mar. (acc. to Victor.  
but not in ms.) Ald. 1 Junt. for *auras*. 778 *aspera iactu* Ed. for *aspera tactu*:  
*iacere, adiectus* are specially said of smell, as II 846 IV 673: comp. also II 1047.  
Bentl. defends *tactu*, perhaps rightly. *aspera adactu* Lach.: but *adactu* implies a  
violent thrust or effort, as of a weapon, a tooth. *odore* Lamb. ed. 2 and 3.

780 *tristia* Flor. 31 Camb. Mon. Ver. Ven. for *tristitia*.788 *ideo terris* Mar.

floris odore hominem taetro consueta necare.  
 scilicet haec ideo terris ex omnia surgunt,  
 multa modis multis multarum semina rerum  
 quod permixta gerit tellus discretaque tradit.      790  
 nocturnumque recens extinctum lumen ubi acri  
 nidore offendit nares, consopit ibidem,  
 concidere et spumas qui morbo mittere suevit.  
 castoreoque gravi mulier sopita recumbit  
 et manibus nitidum teneris opus effluit ei,      795  
 tempore eo si odoratast quo menstrua solvit.  
 multaque praeterea languentia membra per artus  
 solvunt atque animam labefactant sedibus intus.  
 denique si calidis etiam cunctare lavabris  
 plenior et laveris, solio ferventis aquai      800  
 quam facile in medio fit uti des saepe ruinas!  
 carbonumque gravis vis atque odor insinuatur  
 quam facile in cerebrum, nisi aquam praecepimus ante!  
 at cum membra domus percepit fervidu', nervis  
 tum fit odor viri plagae mactabilis instar.      805  
 nonne vides etiam terra quoque sulphur in ipsa  
 gignier et taetro concrescere odore bitumen;  
 denique ubi argenti venas aurique secuntur,  
 terrai penitus scrutantes abdita ferro,  
 qualis expiret Scaptensula subter odores?      810  
 quidve mali fit ut exhalent aurata metalla!  
 quas hominum reddunt facies qualisque colores!

Ald. 1 Junt. for *indeo tris.*      789 is rightly joined by Camb. Lamb. Gif. Wak. with 790. Creech Lach. etc. connect it with 788.      791 *acri* Lamb. ed. 2 first for *acris.*      793 *et spumas* Madvig in Henrichsen de fragm. Gottorp. p. 37 for *et pumos: spumas* Lamb. found in marg. of cod. Memmian. Lach. puts this verse after 801 and reads *et spumam ut* perversely: older corrections are unworthy of notice.      798 *labefactant* Flor. 31 Camb. Mar. Ver. Ven. for *labefaciant.*

799 *cunctare* Lach. for *cunctere.*      800 *et laveris, solio* Lach. for *efflueris solio.*  
*et frueris solio* Madv. l. l.: the passage is very doubtful.      803 *aquam* Flor. 31 Camb. Pont. Mar. Junt. for *aqua.*      804 *membra domus* Vat. 3276 Brix. Pius in notes, Gronov. Lach. for *membra dominus.* *domin'* Nicc. *dominus* Ver. Ven. Nauger. *domus* Flor. 31 Camb. two Vat. *membra domans* Mar. Junt. Is. Voss. in ms. notes, Madv. l. l. *membra hominis* Lamb.      *fervidu', nervis* Ed. (*fervida, nervis* Wak.): the *n* of *nervis* was written over the line and wrongly attached to *domus*: hence *domnus.* *fervidior vis* Lach. for *fervida servis* A Nicc. *fervida servis* B: *fervida febris* Lamb. Is. Voss. in ms. notes, Madv.      805 *viri* Pius in notes, Lach. for *vini.*  
 806 *ipsa* Flor. 31 Camb. Pont. for *ipso.*      808 *argenti* Flor. 31 Camb. Mon.

nonne vides audisve perire in tempore parvo  
 quam soleant et quam vitai copia desit,  
 quos opere in tali cohibet vis magna necessis ?  
 hos igitur tellus omnis exaestuat aestus  
 exipratque foras in apertum promptaque caeli.

815

Sic et Averna loca alibus summittere debent  
 mortiferam vim, de terra quae surgit in auras,  
 ut spatium caeli quadam de parte venenet ;  
 quo simul ac primum pennis delata sit ales,

820

impeditur ibi caeco correpta veneno,  
 ut cadat e regione loci, qua derigit aestus.  
 quo cum conruit, hic eadem vis illius aestus  
 reliquias vitae membris ex omnibus aufert.

825

quippe etenim primo quasi quendam conciet aestum ;  
 posterius fit uti, cum iam cecidere veneni  
 in fontis ipsos, ibi sit quoque vita vomenda  
 propterea quod magna mali fit copia circum.

Fit quoque ut interdum vis haec atque aestus Averni  
 aera, qui inter avis cumquest terramque locatus,      831  
 discutiat, prope uti locus hic linquatur inanis.  
 cuius ubi e regione loci venere volantes,  
 claudicat extemplo pinnarum nisus inanis  
 et conamen utrimque alarum proditur omne.      835  
 hic ubi nixari nequeunt insistereque alis,  
 scilicet in terram delabi pondere cogit  
 natura, et vacuum prope iam per inane iacentes  
 dispergunt animas per caulas corporis omnis.

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frigidior porro in puteis aestate fit humor,

840

Pont. for argento.      813 audisve Flor. 31 Camb. Mar. for audire.

815

necessis Lach. for necessest.      817 apertum B. aperta A Nicc. vulg. before Lach.  
 apertaque Flor. 31.      818 et. ea Lach. ever intolerant of et for etiam. alibus

Flor. 31 Camb. Mar. for malibus.      829 fit. sit Junt. Lamb. vulg.: a sole-  
 cism.      832 hic Mon. p. m. Lach. for hinc. linquatur Flor. 31 Camb. Ver. Ven.  
 Mar. for linquitur.      840 clearly something is wanting to connect this verse with

what precedes. Lach. has proved that a new leaf, the 142nd, of the archetype began here: in all probability then one leaf had dropped out in this place. Lach.

inserts four fragments, *Non mihi si linguae centum sint oraque centum, Aerea vox.*  
*Mensibu' frigus. Cameraeque caminis. Ne oblitet.* The first certainly appears

Lucretian: where it came in the poem, cannot be said; the rest are very doubtful.      840 Que is prefixed to *Frigidior* in A, uae (i.e. quae) in B, Cur by

- rarescit quia terra calore et semina siquae  
forte vaporis habet, propere dimitit in auras.  
quo magis est igitur tellus effeta calore,  
fit quoque frigidior qui in terrast abditus umor.  
frigore cum premitur porro omnis terra coitque  
et quasi concrescit, fit scilicet ut coeundo  
exprimat in puteos siquem gerit ipsa calorem. 845
- Esse apud Hammonis sanum fons luce diurna  
frigidus et calidus nocturno tempore fertur.  
hunc homines fontem nimis admirantur et acri  
sole putant super terras fervescere raptim,  
nox ubi terribili terras caligine texit.  
quod nimis a verast longe ratione remotum.  
quippe ubi sol nudum contractans corpus aquai  
non quierit calidum supera de reddere parte,  
cum superum lumen tanto fervore fruatur,  
qui queat hic super tam crasso corpore terram  
percoquere umorem et calido satiare vapore?  
praesertim cum vix possit per saepa domorum  
insinuare suum radiis ardentibus aestum. 855
- quaes ratiost igitur? nimirum terra magis quod  
rara tepet circum fontem quam cetera tellus  
multaque sunt ignis prope semina corpus aquai.  
hoc ubi roriferis terram nox obruit umbris,  
extemplo penitus frigescit terra coitque. 860
- hac ratione fit ut, tamquam compressa manu sit,  
exprimat in fontem quae semina cumque habet ignis,  
quae calidum faciunt aquiae tactum atque saporem.  
inde ubi sol radiis terram dimovit obortus

Nicc. 841 *Rarescit* Lamb. for *Arescit.* *semina* Flor. 31 Camb. for *semi.* *si*  
*quae* Avanc. at end of Catullus for *siqua* which he kept in Ald. 1 as did all editors  
before Lach. 842 *habet, propere* Nicc. Camb. Mon. Ver. Ven. vulg. for *habet*  
*proprie* B Flor. 31, *propriae* A. *proprii* Bern. whom I followed in small ed. for-  
getting that Nicc., i. e. Poggio's ms. in all likelihood, had *propere.* 846 *ut*  
*coeundo* Lamb. for *in coeundo* Nicc. 851 *raptim* Lamb. for  
*partim.* 857 *super* Pont., *subter* Mar. Ald. 1 Junt. for *super.* 858 *satiare*  
Vat. 1954 Othob. Pius in notes, Turneb. advers. xxvi 13 for *solare.* *sotiare* Camb.  
Avanc. *sol dare* Nicc. *sociare* Flor. 31 Mar. Junt. *donare* Bern. 862 *Rara*  
Lamb. Turneb. adv. xxvi 13 for *Para.* *tepet* Lach. for *tenet.* 864 *umbris* Mar.  
(ap. Victor., not in ms.). Avanc. at end of Catull., Junt. for *undis.* 865 *penitus*  
Lach. for *sonitus.* *subtus* Ald. 1 Junt. vulg. *solito* Mar. 868 *aquae* Lach.

- et rarefecit calido gliscente vapore, 870  
 rursus in antiquas redeunt primordia sedes  
 ignis et in terram cedit calor omnis aquai.  
 frigidus hanc ob rem fit fons in luce diurna.  
 praeterea solis radiis iactatur aquai  
 humor et in lucem tremulo rarescit ab aestu; 875  
 propterea fit uti quae semina cumque habet ignis  
 dimittat; quasi saepe gelum, quod continet in se,  
 mittit et exolvit glaciem nodosque relaxat.
- Frigidus est etiam fons, supra quem sita saepe  
 stupa iacit flamمام concepto protinus igni, 880  
 taedaque consimili ratione accensa per undas  
 conlucet, quocumque natans impellitur auris.  
 nimirum quia sunt in aqua permulta vaporis  
 semina de terraque necessest funditus ipsa  
 ignis corpora per totum consurgere fontem  
 et simul exspirare foras exireque in auras, 885  
 non ita multa tamen, calidus queat ut fieri fons,  
 propterea dispersa foras erumpere cogit  
 vis per aquam subito sursumque ea conciliari.  
 quod genus endo marist Aradi fons, dulcis aquai  
 qui scatit et salsas circum se dimovet undas; 890  
 et multis aliis praebet regionibus aequor  
 utilitatem opportunam sitientib' nautis,  
 quod dulcis inter salsas intervomit undas.  
 sic igitur per eum possunt erumpere fontem  
 et scatere illa foras, in stupram semina quae cum 895

after Bede for *laticis*: Lamb. too notices it in notes. *saporem* Lamb. for *vaporem*:  
 a necessary change, though Bede also has *vaporem*. 870 *gliscente* Wak. for  
*miscente*, 'eleganter et vere' says Lach. 877 *Dimittat* Camb. for *Demittat*.

878 *nodosque* Vat. 3276 Mon. (not Flor. 31) Pont. Ald. 1 Candidus at end of Junt.  
 for *nobosque*. *norosque* A corr. *venasque* Flor. 31 Camb. 3 Vat. Mar. Junt.

879 *Frigidus* Flor. 31 Camb. Mon. Ver. Ven. for *frigus*. 887 *Non ita multa* Is.  
 Voss. in ms. notes for *Non ita multa*: though Haverc. knew of this, neither he nor  
 any editor before Lach. adopted it. *Non tam vita* Nicc. *Non tam multa* Pont. *Non*  
*tam riva vulg.* 888 *Propterea* Lach. for *Praeterea*. 890 *marist Aradi fons*  
 Bern. Lach. for *maris parat fons*: a certain correction, as A and B have each this  
 heading 'de fonte aradi in mare'. *mari Aradio fons* Is. Voss. in ms. notes. *mari*  
*spirat fons* Flor. 31 Camb. Mar. etc. 889 *conciliari* Lamb. for *conciliare*.

892 *praebet* Flor. 31 Camb. Mar. Junt. for *praeter*. 894 *dulcis* Flor. 31 Camb.  
 Ver. Ven. for *dulcit*. 896 *quae* Ven. (*que* mss. Brix. Ver.) rightly retained by  
 N. P. Howard who corrects old punctuation. *quo* Lamb. vulgo Lach.

conveniunt aut in taedai corpore adhaerent,  
ardescunt facile extemplo, quia multa quoque in se  
semina habent ignis stupuae taedaeque latentis.  
nonne vides etiam, nocturna ad lumina linum  
nuper ubi extinctum admoveas, accendier ante  
quam tetigit flamnam, taedamque pari ratione ?  
multaque praeterea prius ipso tacta vapore  
eminus ardescunt quam comminus imbuat ignis.  
hoc igitur fieri quoque in illo fonte putandumst.

900

Quod superest, agere incipiam quo foedere fiat  
naturae, lapis hic ut ferrum ducere possit,  
quem Magneta vocant patrio de nomine Grai,  
Magnetum quia fit patriis in finibus ortus.

hunc homines lapidem mirantur; quippe catenam  
saepe ex anellis reddit pendentibus ex se.

910

quinq[ue] etenim licet interdum pluresque videre  
ordine demissos levibus iactarier auris,  
unus ubi ex uno dependet super adhaerens  
ex alioque alias lapidis vim vinclaque noscit :  
usque adeo permananter vis pervolat eius.

915

Hoc genus in rebus firmandumst multa prius quam  
ipsius rei rationem reddere possis,  
et nimium longis ambagibus est adeundum;  
quo magis attentas auris animumque reposco.

920

Principio omnibus ab rebus, quascumque videmus,  
perpetuo fluere ac mitti spargique necesest  
corpora quae feriant oculos visumque lacessant.  
perpetuoque fluunt certis ab rebus odores;  
frigus ut a fluiis, calor ab sole, aestus ab undis  
aequoris exesor moerorum litora propter.  
nec varii cessant sonitus manare per auras.

925

897 aut in tedai corpore Is. Voss. in ms. notes for *aut indea corpora: in tedai* Pont.  
also. in teda cum corpora Mar. s. m. Ald. 1 Junt. 898 quia Flor. 31 Camb.  
Mar. for qui. 899 latentis Bern. for tenentes. tepentis Lach. 907 lapis  
B corr. Flor. 31 Camb. Pont. Mar. for lapsi. 908 Quem B corr. Flor. 31 Camb.  
Mar. for Quam. 909 fit. sit Nicc. Flor. 31 Mon. vulg. ‘parum Latine’ says  
Lach.: but it is I think defensible, as giving their motive, not the poet’s inference:  
comp. iii 100 *Harmoniam Grai quam dicunt, quod faciat nos. ortus.* ortu Lach. as  
ii 387. 912 Quinque B corr. Flor. 31 Mar. for *Qui neque.* 913 demissos  
Lamb. first for demisso. 916 permananter Flor. 31 Camb. Mar. for permanater.  
*pervolat* Turneb. adv. xxvi 13, Bentl. for *pervaleat.* [925 ut. it Kannen-

- denique in os salsi venit umor saepe saporis,  
 cum mare versamur propter, dilataque contra  
 934 cum tuimur misceri absinthia, tangit amaror. 930  
 usque adeo omnibus ab rebus res quaeque fluenter  
 930 fertur et in cunctas dimittitur undique partis  
 nec mora nec requies interdatur ulla fluendi,  
 perpetuo quoniam sentimus, et omnia semper  
 cernere odorari licet et sentire sonare. 935
- 936 Nunc omnis repetam quam raro corpore sint res  
 commemorare; quod in primo quoque carmine claret.  
 quippe etenim, quamquam multas hoc pertinet ad res  
 noscere, cum primis hanc ad rem protinus ipsam,  
 qua de disserere adgredior, firmare necesset  
 nil esse in promptu nisi mixtum corpus inani. 940  
 principio fit ut in speluncis saxa superne  
 sudent umore et guttis manantib' stillent.  
 manat item nobis e toto corpore sudor,  
 crescit barba pilique per omnia membra, per artus. 945  
 diditur in venas cibus omnis, auget alitque  
 corporis extremas quoque partis unguiculosque.  
 frigus item transire per aes calidumque vaporem  
 sentimus, sentimus item transire per aurum  
 atque per argentum, cum pocula plena tenemus. 950  
 denique per dissaepta domorum saxea voces  
 pervoltant, permanat odor frigusque vaposque  
 ignis, qui ferri quoque vim penetrare suëvit  
 denique qua circum Galli lorica coercent.
- 956 et, tempestate in terra caeloque coorta, 955  
 955 morbida visque simul cum extrinsecus insinuatur,  
 in caelum terrasque remotae iura facessunt,

giesser in Philologus IV supplem. B p. 510.] 935 again om. by Lach.: see  
 IV 229. 937 claret Flor. 31 Camb. Mar. for clare. 941 mixtum corpus  
 Brix. (not Flor. 31) Pont. Mar. for corpus mixtum. 942 superne Lach. for  
 superna. 954 Galli Lach. for caeli. colli Nice. colli Brix. Ver. Ven. Mar.  
 Avanc. Nauger. Wak. corpus Mar. al. em. Junt. Lamb. ed. 1 and 2. corii Flor. 31  
 Camb. 3 Vat. Lamb. ed. 3. 955 956 I have transposed: comp. 1098 foll.: Lach.  
 awkwardly puts it after 947: Bern. keeps it in its place and reads *E tempestate in...*  
*coortast...remotas iure*: but *remotae* clearly belongs to *tempestate*. 955 *tempestate*  
*in* Lach. for *tempestatem*. *tempestates...coortae* Avanc. followed by Nauger. Lamb.  
 etc. 957 *iure* B Vienna frag. A corr. Flor. 31 Camb. all Vat. Pont. *in re* Nicc.

quandoquidem nil est nisi raro corpori' nexu.

Huc accedit uti non omnia, quae iaciuntur  
corpora cumque ab rebus, eodem praedita sensu      960  
atque eodem pacto rebus sint omnibus apta.  
principio terram sol excoquit et facit are,  
at glaciem dissolvit et altis montibus altas  
exstructasque nives radiis tabescere cogit.  
denique cera liquefit in eius posta vapore.      965  
ignis item liquidum facit aes aurumque resolvit,  
at coria et carnem trahit et conducit in unum.  
umor aquae porro ferrum condurat ab igni,  
at coria et carnem mollit durata calore.  
barbigeras oleaster eo iuvat usque capellas,  
effluat ambrosius quasi vero, et nectare tinctus;  
qua nil est homini quod amariu' frondeat esca.  
denique amaracinum fugitat sus et timet omne  
ungentum; nam saetigeris subus acre venenumst,  
quod nos interdum tamquam recreare videtur.      975  
at contra nobis caenum taeterrima cum sit  
spurcites, eadem subus haec iucunda videtur,  
insatiabiliter toti ut volvantur ibidem.

Hoc etiam superest, ipsa quam dicere de re  
adgredior quod dicendum prius esse videtur.      980  
multa foramina cum variis sint redditia rebus,  
dissimili inter se natura praedita debent  
esse et habere suam naturam quaeque viasque.  
quippe etenim varii sensus animantibus insunt,  
quorum quisque suam proprie rem percipit in se;      985  
nam penetrare alio sonitus alioque saporem

which is the same thing. *iurae A p. m.* caused by *remotae*, or as Lach. says because the archetype had both *iure* and *iura* which he reads and I now read: see notes 2.

958 raro corpori' nexus Lach. for *raro corpore nexum*.      962 *sol* Flor. 31  
Camb. Mar. etc. for *quo*.      964 *que* added by Flor. 31 Pont. Mar. Ald. 1 Junt.  
*exstructas ningueis* Avanc. at end of Catull. *alte Exstructas ningues* Nauger.

965 *liquefit*. *liquescit* Vat. 640 Urbin. Ver. Ven. Ald. 1 Junt. (not Mar.) Lamb.  
'*liquescit*. s' Heins. in ms. notes: but on this cod. Modii see introduction p. 24.

971 *ambrosius* Ed. for *ambrosias*. *ambrosiae quasi vere et nectaris* Lach.  
elegantly, perhaps rightly.      972 *Qua...amariu' frondeat esca* Lach. for *Qua...*  
*marius fronde ac exscet A, extet B* Vienn. fragm. Nicc.: *amarius* Flor. 31 Camb.  
two Vat. Mar.      973 *amaracinum* Mar. Junt. for *maracinum*.      977  
*iucunda* Camb. Mar. Ald. 1 Junt. Gif. for *ciunda* A, *inunda* B. *iocunda* Flor. 31

cernimus e sucis, alio nidoris odores.

991 praeterea manare aliud per saxa videtur,  
atque aliud lignis, aliud transire per aurum,  
argentoque foras aliud vitroque meare.  
nam fluere hac species, illac calor ire videtur,  
995 atque aliis aliut citius transmittere eadem.

scilicet id fieri cogit natura viarum

multimodis varians, ut paulo ostendimus ante,  
990 propter dissimilem naturam textaque rerum.

998 Quapropter, bene ubi haec confirmata atque locata  
omnia constiterint nobis praeposta parata,  
quod superest, facile hinc ratio reddetur et omnis  
causa patet quae ferri pelliciat vim.

principio fluere e lapide hoc permulta necesset  
semina sive aestum qui discutit aera plagis,  
inter qui lapidem ferrumque est cumque locatus.

hoc ubi inanitur spatium multusque vacefit  
in medio locus, extemplo primordia ferri  
in vacuum prolapsa cadunt coniuncta, fit utque  
anulus ipse sequatur eatque ita corpore toto.

nec res ulla magis primoribus *ex elementis*  
indupedita suis arte conexa cohaeret

quam validi ferri natura et frigidus horror.

quo minus est mirum, quod dico, ibus ex elementis  
corpora si nequeunt e ferro plura coorta  
in vacuum ferri, quin anulus ipse sequatur;

quod facit, et sequitur, donec pervenit ad ipsum  
iam lapidem caecisque in eo compagibus haesit.

hoc fit idem cunctas in partis, unde vacefit  
cumque locus, sive e transverso sive superne

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two Vat. *munda* Nicc. *res munda* Lamb. 986 987 *alio, alioque, alio.*  
*alia, aliaque, alia* Lamb. 988 989 = 995 996 (996 997). 991 *lignis*  
Wak. Lach. for *ignis, tignis* Flor. 31 Camb. Mar. Ald. 1 Junt. *per ligna* Lamb.  
997 (990) first placed here by Lamb. not Wak. 1001 *pelliciat vim* Flor. 31  
Camb. Mar. for *pelliciatum* B, *perliceatum* A. 1006 *ferri* Flor. 31 Camb. Pont.  
Mar. for *ferre.* 1007 *fit utque* Mar. Nauger. for *fit ut qui.* 1009 *ex added*  
by B corr. Flor. 31 Pont. Mar. *tunc* Camb. 1011 *natura et* Wak. for  
*naturae.* 1012 *quod dico, ibus ex elementis* Ed. for *quod dicitur ex elementis.*  
*quo ducitur* Lach. which I do not understand. *quod paulo diximus ante* Lamb.  
*wildly.* *quod ducitur, [ex elementis]* Bern. 1013 *e ferro* B Camb. Avanc.

- corpora continuo in vacuum vicina feruntur;  
quippe agitantur enim plagis aliunde nec ipsa  
sponte sua sursum possunt consurgere in auras.  
huc accedit item (quare queat id magis esse,  
haec quoque res adiumento motuque iuvatur)  
quod, simul a fronte est anelli rario aer  
factus inanitusque locus magis ac vacuatus, 1025
- 1033 continuo fit uti qui post est cumque locatus  
1026 aer a tergo quasi provehat atque propellat.  
semper enim circumpositus res verberat aer;  
sed tali fit uti propellat tempore ferrum,  
parte quod ex una spatium vacat et capit in se. 1030
- 1030 hic, tibi quem memoro, per crebra foramina ferri  
parvas ad partis subtiliter insinuatus  
trudit et inpellit, quasi navem velaque ventus.
- 1034 denique res omnes debent in corpore habere  
aera, quandoquidem raro sunt corpore et aer  
omnibus est rebus circumdatus adpositusque.  
hic igitur, penitus qui in ferro abditus aer,  
sollicito motu semper iactatur eoque  
verberat anellum dubio procul et ciet intus  
scilicet: ille codem fertur quo praecepitavit  
iam semel et partem in vacuam conamina sumpsit. 1040
- Fit quoque ut a lapide hoc ferri natura recedat  
interdum, fugere atque sequi consueta vicissim.  
exultare etiam Samothracia ferrea vidi  
et ramenta simul ferri furere intus ahenis 1045
- in scaphiis, lapis hic Magnes cum subditus esset:  
usque adeo fugere ab saxo gestire videtur.

*te ferro A. te ferre Nicc. whence referre Brix. Ver. Ven. de ferro Flor. 31 Mar.  
Junt. vulg. before Lach. 1018 e Flor. 31 Camb. for et. ex Mon. Ver. Ven.*

1020 *plagis* Flor. 31 Camb. Pont. Mar. for *plagit.* 1022 1023 not a letter is  
to be changed: only the stopping is to be mended. *item. utei* Lach. *iuvatur.*  
*iuvetur* Lach.; Wak. has been misled by a blunder of Haverc. 1025 *magis*  
Camb. Ver. Ven. Mar. for *magnis.* *magis locus* Flor. 31. 1026 (1033) first  
placed here in Ald. 1 and Junt. not by Pont. or Mar. 1027 *Aer a tergo* Mar.  
Ald. 1 Junt. for *Erat ergo.* 1032 *Parvas.* *Privas* Gif. *Primas* Lamb.  
ed. 3. 1033 *ventus* Pius for *ventis.* 1040 *ille* Lach. for *illo* B Vienn.  
frag.: om. A Nicc. Camb. etc. *atque* Flor. 31 Mar. Junt. vulg. *isque* Wak.  
conj. 1047 *ab saxo* Lach. for *a saxo.* 1059 *Et* Lach. for *At BA* corr.

aere interposito discordia tanta creatur  
 propterea quia nimirum prius aestus ubi aeris  
 praecepit ferrique vias possedit apertas, 1050  
 posterior lapidis venit aestus et omnia plena  
 invenit in ferro neque habet qua tranet ut ante.  
 cogitur offensare igitur pulsareque fluctu  
 ferrea texta suo; quo pacto respuit ab se  
 atque per aes agitat, sine eo quod saepe resorbet. 1055  
 illud in his rebus mirari mitte, quod aestus  
 non valet e lapide hoc alias impellere item res.  
 pondere enim fretae partim stant: quod genus aurum;  
 et partim raro quia sunt cum corpore, ut aestus  
 pervolet intactus, nequeunt inpellier usquam; 1060  
 lignea materies in quo genere esse videtur.  
 interutrasque igitur ferri natura locata  
 aeris ubi accepit quaedam corpuscula, tum fit,  
 inpellant ut eam Magnesia flumine saxa.

Nec tamen haec ita sunt aliarum rerum aliena,  
 ut mihi multa parum genere ex hoc suppeditentur  
 quae memorare queam inter se singulariter apta.  
 saxa vides primum sola colescere calce.  
 glutine materies taurino iungitur uno,  
 ut vitio venae tabularum saepius hiscant 1070  
 quam laxare queant compages taurea vincla.  
 vitigeni latices aquai fontibus audent  
 misceri, cum pix nequeat gravis et leve olivom.  
 purpureusque colos conchyli iungitur uno  
 corpore cum lanae, dirimi qui non queat usquam, 1075  
 non si Neptuni fluctu renovare operam des,  
 non, mare si totum velit eluere omnibus undis.

*Ad A p. m. Ac Nicc. Flor. 31 Camb. Mon. vulg. 1062 Interutrasque. Interutraque Lach.* 1064 *eam Mar. Ald. 1 Junt. for eum. flumine Nicc. Flor. 31 all Vat. Brix. Ver. Ven. for flumina. flumina saxi Wak. 1067 singulariter Flor. 31 Pont. Avanc. Nauger. vulg. for singulariter: comp. 1088 coplata AB p. m. copulata corr. inter singillariter Lach.: a most unrhymed verse. apta Flor. 31 Camb. etc. for aptam. 1068 vides Pont. Mar. Ald. 1 Junt. for vide. colescere Lach. for coolescere. coalescere Nicc. Flor. 31 3 Vat. Mon. 1069 uno Lach. for una, as in 1074: but Mar. Junt. Lamb. etc. there read una: uno is not certain. 1072 aquai. in aquai Mar. Ald. 1 Junt. vulg. wrongly: comp. 552 and 868. 1077 eluere B corr. Vienn. frag. Mar. for eiuvare B, eiuvare A Nicc. 1078 non*

denique non auro res aurum copulat una  
 aerique *aes* plumbo fit uti iungatur ab albo?  
 cetera iam quam multa licet reperire! quid ergo? 1080  
 nec tibi tam longis opus est ambagibus usquam,  
 nec me tam multam hic operam consumere par est,  
 sed breviter paucis praestat comprehendere multa.  
 quorum ita texturae ceciderunt mutua contra,  
 ut cava convenient plenis haec illius illa 1085  
 huiusque inter se, iunctura haec optima constat.  
 est etiam, quasi ut anellis hamisque plicata  
 inter se quaedam possint coplata teneri;  
 quod magis in lapide hoc fieri ferroque videtur.

Nunc ratio quae sit morbis aut unde repente 1090  
 mortiferam possit cladem conflare coorta  
 morbida vis hominum generi pecudumque catervis,  
 expediam. primum multarum semina rerum  
 esse supra docui quae sint vitalia nobis,  
 et contra quae sint morbo mortique necessest 1095  
 multa volare. ea cum casu sunt forte coorta  
 et perturbarunt caelum, fit morbidus aer.  
 atque ea vis omnis morborum pestilitasque  
 aut extrinsecus ut nubes nebulaeque superne  
 per caelum veniunt, aut ipsa saepe coortae 1100  
 de terra surgunt, ubi putorem umida nactast  
 intempestivis pluviisque et solibus icta.

nonne vides etiam caeli novitate et aquarum  
 temptari procul a patria quicumque domoque  
 adveniunt ideo quia longe discrepant res? 1105  
 nam quid Brittanni caelum differre putamus,  
 et quod in Aegypto est qua mundi claudicat axis,  
 quidve quod in Ponto est differre, et Gadibus atque

*auro res* Faber em. for *non res auro* B, *res auro* A Nicc. 1079 *Aerique aes* Lamb.  
*excellently for Aeraque.* 1083 *praestat* B Avanc. Bentl. *restat* A Nicc. vulg.

1089 *fieri* Flor. 31 Camb. Mar. etc. for *ferri*. 1090 to 1191, i.e.  
 two leaves, are wanting in cod. Victor. or Mon.: the readings of 'Marul.' given to  
 these vss. I have taken from Victorius' copy of Ven. spoken of in the introduc-  
 tion. 1091 *cladem* B. corr. Ald. 1 Junt. for *cradem*. 1099 *extrinsecus*  
 B Ald. 1 Junt. *intrinsecus* A Nicc. 1100 *coortae* Lach. for *coorta*: but I am  
 not sure it is necessary. 1101 *putorem*. *putrorem* Nauger. Lamb. etc.  
 1106 *Brittanni* Ed. for *Brittannis*. *Britannum* Lamb. 1109 *colore* Flor. 31

usque ad nigra virum percocto saecla colore ?  
 quae cum quattuor inter se diversa videmus  
 quattuor a ventis et caeli partibus esse,  
 tum color et facies hominum distare videntur  
 largiter et morbi generatim saecla tenere.  
 est elephas morbus qui propter flumina Nili  
 gignitur Aegypto in media neque praeterea usquam. 1115  
 Attlide temptantur gressus oculique in Achaeis  
 finibus. inde aliis alius locus est inimicus  
 partibus ac membris: varius concinnat id aer.  
 proinde ubi se caclum quod nobis forte alienum  
 commovet atque aer inimicus serpere coepit,  
 ut nebula ac nubes paulatim repit et omne  
 qua graditur conturbat et immutare coactat;  
 fit quoque ut, in nostrum cum venit denique caelum,  
 corrumpat reddatque sui simile atque alienum.  
 haec igitur subito clades nova pestilasque 1125  
 aut in aquas cadit aut fruges persidit in ipsas  
 aut alios hominum pastus pecudumque cibatus,  
 aut etiam suspensa manet vis aere in ipso  
 et, cum spirantes mixtas hinc ducimus auras,  
 illa quoque in corpus pariter sorbere necessest. 1130  
 consimili ratione venit bubus quoque saepe  
 pestilas et iam pigris balantibus aegror.  
 nec refert utrum nos in loca deveniamus  
 nobis adversa et caeli mutemus amictum,  
 an caelum nobis ultro natura corruptum 1135  
 deferat aut aliquid quo non consuevimus uti,  
 quod nos adventu possit temptare recenti.

Haec ratio quandam morborum et mortifer aestus

Vat. 640 Urbin. Ald. 1 Junt. for *calore*: so 722. *percoctaque saecla calore* Vat. 3276 Brix. Nauger. Lamb. 1115 *Aegypto* Flor. 31 Pont. Junt. for *Aegypta*.  
*Aegypti* Nicc. Ver. Ven.: hence *Aegypti in medio Avane.* 1121 *Ut* Pont. Ald. 1 Junt. for *Ve.* 1122 *graditur conturbat* Flor. 31 Camb. Brix. Pont. for *graditus conturbas.* *Quadragitas graditus conturbas* Nicc. Ver. Ven. 1124 *reddatque* Flor. 31 Camb. Marul. for *reddetque.* 1123 *balantibus* Flor. 31 Marul. for *calantibus.* *talaribus* Nicc. old eds. 1135 *ultro* Avane. for *vitro.* *intro* Nicc. *vitio* Flor. 31 Camb. *coruptum* Flor. 31 Lamb. ed. 1, Wak. *corumptum AB:* *corruptum* Nicc. *alienum* Bentl. *coortum* Lach. *inimicum* Io. Colombinus ap. Lamb. *cruentum* joint emend. of Lamb. Turneb. and Auratus. 1138 *mortifer*

finibus in Cecropis funestos reddidit agros  
 vastavitque vias, exhausit civibus urbem. 1140  
 nam penitus veniens Aegypti finibus ortus,  
 aera permensus multum camposque natantis,  
 incubuit tandem populo Pandionis omnei,  
 inde catervatim morbo mortique dabantur.  
 principio caput incensum fervore gerebant  
 et duplicitis oculos suffusa luce rubentes. 1145  
 sudabant etiam fauces intrinsecus atrae  
 sanguine et ulceribus vocis via saepa coibat  
 atque animi interpres manabat lingua cruento  
 debilitata malis, motu gravis, aspera tactu. 1150  
 inde ubi per fauces pectus complerat et ipsum  
 morbida vis in cor maestum confluxerat aegris,  
 omnia tum vero vitai claustra lababant.  
 spiritus ore foras taetrum volvebat odorem,  
 rancida quo perolent proiecta cadavera ritu. 1155  
 atque animi prorsum *tum* vires totius, omne  
 languebat corpus leti iam limine in ipso.  
 intolerabilibusque malis erat anxius angor  
 adsidue comes et gemitu commixta querella.  
 singultusque frequens noctem per saepe diemque 1160  
 corripere adsidue nervos et membra coactans  
 dissoluebat eos, defessos ante, fatigans.  
 nec nimio cuiquam posses ardore tueri  
 corporis in summo summam fervescere partem,  
 sed potius tepidum manibus proponere tactum 1165  
 et simul ulceribus quasi inustis omne rubere  
 corpus, ut est per membra sacer dum diditur ignis.  
 intima pars hominum vero flagrabat ad ossa,

*aestus* Macrob. sat. vi 2 7, Pont. Ald. 1 Junt. Lamb. for *mortifer ae*: the last letters having dropped out. *mortifer aer* Lamb. in notes. *mortiferae* Camb. *morti' ferai* Lach. who is then driven to read in 1141 *morbus* for *ortus*: *orcus* Avanc.

1139 in *Cecropis* Macrob. 1. 1. Flor. 31 Camb. Pont. Junt. for *in Cecropit.* *in Cecropiis* A corr. Nicc. *Finib' Cecropiis* Lamb. 1143 omnei Lach. *omni* Marul. Avanc. for *omnem* A Nicc. *omne* B. *omnes Unde* Junt., *omnes Inde* Brix. Nauger. Lamb. etc. 1147 atrae. *atro* Vat. 640 Urbini. Ald. 1 Junt. Lamb. *aetae* mss. of Macrob. vi 2 9. 1156 tum added by Wak. after prorsum. Flor. 31 Ver. Ven. vulg. add *et* before *omne*, perhaps rightly. 1165 potius Marul. Ald. 1 Junt. for *totius*. 1167 dum. *cum* A corr. Nicc. vulg. before Lach.

- flagrabat stomacho flamma ut fornacibus intus.  
 nil adeo posses cuiquam leve tenveque membris      1170  
 vertere in utilitatem, at ventum et frigora semper.  
 in fluvios partim gelidos ardentia morbo  
 membra dabant nudum iacentes corpus in undas.  
 1178 multi praecipites lymphis putealibus alte  
 1174 inciderunt ipso venientes ore patente :      1175  
 insedabiliter sitis arida, corpora mersans,  
 aequabat multum parvis umoribus imbre.  
 nec requies erat ulla mali: defessa iacebant  
 1179 corpora. mussabat tacito medicina timore,  
 quippe patentia cum totiens ardentia morbis      1180  
 lumina versarent oculorum expertia somno.  
 multaque praeterea mortis tum signa dabantur,  
 perturbata animi mens in maerore metuque,  
 triste supercilium, furiosus voltus et acer,  
 sollicitae porro plenaeque sonoribus aures,  
 creber spiritus aut ingens raroque coortus,      1185  
 sudorisque madens per collum splendidus umor,  
 tenvia sputa minuta, croci contacta colore  
 salsaque, per fauces raukas vix edita tussi.  
 in manibus vero nervi trahere et tremere artus      1190  
 a pedibusque minutatim succedere frigus  
 non dubitabat. item ad supremum denique tempus  
 compressae nares, nasi primoris acumen  
 tenve, cavati oculi, cava tempora, frigida pellis  
 duraque, in ore trucei rictum, frons tenta tumebat.      1195

1171 *Vertere in utilitatem* Lamb. for *verteret utilitatem*: but he reads also *posset* and suggests *quicquam* in 1170 without cause. *at ventum* Lach. for *ad ventum* which the older editors keep and connect with what follows: Lucr. prob. wrote *ad* for *at*. *frigora* Flor. 31 Camb. Marul. for *frigore*.      1174 (1178) brought here first by Nauger. : placed after 1171 by Marul. *lymphis* Flor. 31 Camb. Marul. for *nymphis*.      1176 *mersans* A Nice, *inerrans* B. *messans* Vienn. frag. acc. to Rhein. mus. n. f. xv p. 409. *inurens* Bern.: but clearly B's reading is a mere clerical error.      1178 *mali* mss. of Macrob. vi 2 13, Brix. for *mari*.      1180 *ardentia morbis.* *ac nuntia mortis* Lach.: a fine, but not I think necessary emendation.      1186 *spiritus* Macrob. Flor. 31 Camb. Pont. for *spiritum*.      1187 *umor.* *humor* mss. of Macrob. vi 2 11 for *umum*.      1189 *raucas* mss. of Maer. Pont. Avanc. for *rauca*. *tussi* Marul. Junt. for *tusse*. *tussis* mss. of Maer.      1195 *in ore trucei* Ed. for *inoretiacet* B Vienn. frag. *inhoretiacet* A. *inhoretetiacet* Nice.: the *-et* is the common corruption of the old termination *-ei*; comp. 16 *coget* for

nec nimio rigidi post artus morte iacebant.  
 octavoque fere candenti lumine solis  
 aut etiam nona reddebant lampade vitam.  
 quorum siquis ibei vitarat funera leti,  
 ulceribus taetris et nigra proluvie alvi      1200  
 posterius tamen hunc tabes letumque manebat,  
 aut etiam multus capitinis cum saepe dolore  
 corruptus sanguis expletis naribus ibat :  
 hoc hominis totae vires corpusque fluebat.  
 profluviū porro qui taetri sanguinis acre      1205  
 exierat, tamen in nervos huic morbus et artus  
 ibat et in partis genitalis corporis ipsas.  
 et graviter partim metuentes limina leti  
 vivebant ferro privati parte virili,  
 et manibus sine nonnulli pedibusque manebant      1210  
 in vita tamen, et perdebat lumina partim :  
 usque adeo mortis metus his incesserat acer.  
 atque etiam quosdam cepere oblivia rerum  
 cunctarum, neque se possent cognoscere ut ipsi.  
 multaque humi cum inhumata iacerent corpora supra  
 corporibus, tamen alitum genus atque ferarum      1215  
 aut procul apsiliebat, ut acrem exeiret odorem,  
 aut, ubi gustarat, languebat morte propinqua.  
 nec tamen omnino temere illis solibus ulla  
 comparebat avis, nec tristia saecla ferarum      1220

cogei and 1199; so 184 mss. *Triviat*, II 636 *Armat et rictum* Lamb. for *rectum*.  
*Duratusque horret rictus* Vat. 3276. *inhorrescens rictum* Lach. after Rutgersius.  
*inhorrebat rictum* Lamb. *in ore iacens rictu* Nonius. *tenta tumebat* Heins. in ms.  
 notes and Lach. for *tenta mebat*. *tecta meabat* Nicc. *tenta meabat* Flor. 31 Camb.  
 2 Vat. Mon. *tenta manebat* Nonius B corr. Vat. 3276.      1196 *rigidi* Lach. for  
*rigida*. *post artus*. *post strati* Lamb. *prostrati* Pont. Junt.      1199 *ibei* Ed.  
 for *ut est*: *ibei* became first *iuet*, then *ut est*: see n. to 1195. *vix* Lach. without  
 force.      1200 *Ulceribus* Lamb. after Thucydides for *Viceribus*: *i* and *l* confused  
 as in 500 other places: so 1271 *Viceribus*, *Visceribus* A corr. Nicc. vulg. here as  
 there. Wak. in both places argues for *visceribus*; but A and B 1166 had *Et simul*  
*viceribus*; 1148 *Sanguine et viceribus*; v 995 *super vicerat tetra, viscera* A corr.;  
 rv 1068 *Vicus enim, Ulcus* A corr.: thus in every place where the word occurs in  
*Lucr.* our sole original authority substituted *i* for *l*: this may serve to shew on  
 what sandy foundations Wak. builds, when he maintains *iacere coniectum umorem*  
 against *conlectum*, and fifty suchlike cases.      1205 *qui* Lamb. for *cul.*  
 1212 *his* Mon. Brix. Junt. for *iis*. *is* Flor. 31 Camb.      1196 *incesserat* Lamb. for  
*incusserat*.      1217 *exeiret* Lach., *exiret* Brix. for *exciret*.      1219 *solibus*.

- exeibant silvis. languebant pleraque morbo  
et moriebantur. cum primis fida canum vis  
strata viis animam ponebat in omnibus aegre;  
extorquebat enim vitam vis morbida membris.  
[incomitata rapi certabant funera vasta.] 1225
- nec ratio remedii communis certa dabatur;  
nam quod ali dederat vitalis aeris auras  
volvere in ore licere et caeli templa tueri,  
hoc aliis erat exitio letumque parabat.
- illud in his rebus miserandum magnopere unum 1230  
aerumnabile erat, quod ubi se quisque videbat  
implicitum morbo, morti damnatus ut esset,  
deficiens animo maesto cum corde iacebat,  
funera respectans animam amittebat ibidem.  
quippe etenim nullo cessabant tempore apisci 1235  
ex aliis alios avidi contagia morbi,
- 1245 lanigeras tamquam pecudes et bucura saecla.
- 1237 idque vel in primis cumulabat funere funus  
nam quicumque suos fugitabant visere ad aegros,  
vitai nimium cupidos mortisque timentis 1240
- 1240 poenibat paulo post turpi morte malaque,  
desertos, opis expertis, incuria mactans.  
qui fuerant autem praesto, contagibus ibant  
atque labore, pudor quem tum cogebat obire  
blandaque lassorum vox mixta voce querellae. 1245
- 1246 optimus hoc leti genus ergo quisque subibat.
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*sedibus* Macrob. vi 2 14, Brix. Pont. Junt.      1220 *nec tristia* Macrob. I. I., Brix.  
*Pont. Avanc. for nectia. nec fortia* Flor. 31 Camb. 2 Vat. Mar. Junt. *nec noctibu'*  
 Lamb. Pont. proposes also *agrestia*; and Mar. in marg. Ven. *inertia*. *nec noxia*  
 Is. Voss. in ms. notes, Heins. in ms. notes, who also proposes *nec inertia*. 1221  
*Exeibant* Lach. for *Exicbant* A, *Exibant* B, *Exiebant* Nicc. 1225 in my small ed.  
 I placed before 1235: I still think that the poet's words would thereby be rendered  
 more consecutive; but I now see that 1235 should not be severed from 1234, Luer.  
 having misapprehended a sentence of Thucydides: I have therefore now left 1225  
 in its place, as an imperfect fragment: see notes 2. 1234 *amittebat* B rightly.  
*imittebat* A. *mittebat* Nicc. whence much error. 1235 *apisci* Flor. 31 Camb.  
 Brix. Pont. Mar. for *apiscit*. 1237 (1245) placed here by Bentl. after Thucyd.:  
 Mar. Junt. Lamb. etc. put it after 1242 (1241). 1239 *visere* Flor. 31 Camb.  
 for *utsere*. 1241 *Poenibat* Turneb. ap. Lamb. for *Poenibus at* (i.e. *Poenib. at*)  
 B, *Poenibus et A* Nicc. etc.: comp. v 1071. 1242 *incuria* Flor. 31, *in curia*

inque aliis alium, populum sepelire suorum  
certantes: lacrimis lassi luctuque redibant;  
inde bonam partem in lectum maerore dabantur.  
nec poterat quisquam reperiri, quem neque morbus 1250  
nec mors nec luctus temptaret tempore tali.

Praeterea iam pastor et armentarius omnis  
et robustus item curvi moderator aratri  
languebat, penitusque casa contrusa iacebant  
corpora paupertate et morbo dedita morti. 1255  
exanimis pueris super exanimata parentum  
corpora nonnumquam posses retroque videre  
matribus et patribus natos super edere vitam.  
nec minimam partem ex agris *is* maeror in urbem  
confluxit, languens quem contulit agricolarum 1260  
copia conveniens ex omni morbida parte.  
omnia complebant loca tectaque; quo magis aestus  
  
confertos ita accervatim mors accumulabat.  
multa siti protracta viam per proque voluta  
corpora silanos ad aquarum strata iacebant 1265  
interclusa anima nimia ab dulcedine aquarum,  
multaque per populi passim loca prompta viasque  
languida semanimo cum corpore membra videres  
horrida paedore et pannis cooperta perire  
corporis inluvie, pelli super ossibus una,  
ulceribus taetris prope iam sordique sepulta. 1270  
omnia denique sancta deum delubra replerat

Brix. Ver. Ven. for *incura*. 1247 one or more verses are evidently lost here, or  
the passage was left in an unfinished state. 1249 in *lectum* Mar. Junt. for  
*inieictum*: *in letum* Mar. p. m. in Mon. and Victorii Ven. 1250 *morbus* Flor. 31  
Camb. Mon. for *morbo*. 1259 *ex agris is* maeror Ed. for *ex agris maeroris*. *is*  
was absorbed by *agris*; then *maeroris* was written to fill up the verse. 1260 *Con-*  
*fluxit, languens*. *Confluxit labes* Lach.: a violent alteration. 1262 *complebant,*  
*complebat* Junt. not Pont. or Mar., *complebant* Lamb. for *condiebant*. *condebant*  
A corr. Nicc. *aestus*. *astu* Lach. *aestus* however agrees so entirely with the words  
of Thucydides, that I think a verse has fallen out such as *quo magis aestus Conficie-*  
*bat eos cet. aestu* Mar. Junt. Bern. 1264 *protracta* Lach. for *prostrata*: Wak.  
reads *structa* for *strata* in 1265. 1265 *iacebant* Ver. Ven. for *tacebant*. *tace-*  
*bant* Nicc. with *i* written over *t*: hence, while Flor. 31 Camb. etc. keep *tacebant*,  
Ver. Ven. which usually adhere to the older text of Nicc., have the corrected read-  
ing. 1271 *Ulceribus* Lamb. first for *Viceribus*. *Visceribus* A corr. Nicc. Flor.

corporibus mors exanimis onerataque passim  
 cuncta cadaveribus caelestum tempa manebant,  
 hospitibus loca quae complerant aedituentes. 1275  
 nec iam religio divom nec numina magni  
 pendebantur enim: praesens dolor exsuperabat.  
 nec mos ille sepulturae remanebat in urbe,  
 quo pius hic populus semper consuerat humari;  
 perturbatus enim totus trepidabat, et unus 1280  
 quisque suum pro re *praesenti* maestus humabat.  
 multaque *res* subita et paupertas horrida suasit;  
 namque suos consanguineos aliena rogorum  
 insuper extracta ingenti clamore locabant  
 subdebantque faces, multo cum sanguine saepe 1285  
 rixantes potius quam corpora desererentur.

31 Camb. all Vat.: Lach. separates 1270 from the context by [ ].      1274 *manebant*  
 Camb. Brix. vulg. for *manebat* A, *manebit* B.    *tenebat* Lach.      1279 *Quo pius*  
 Is. Voss. in ms. notes, Wak. Lach.    *Huc pius* A Nicc. Camb. 2 Vat. Brix. Ver. Ven.  
*Quo prius* B Vienn. frag. Lamb.    *Ut prius* Flor. 31 two Vat. Avanc. at end of Catull.  
 Creech.    *Ut pius* one Vat. Mar. Ald. 1 Junt. ‘Lucretii ingenium parum cognoverunt qui praeoptant *prius*’ says Lach.: yet the *οἰς πρότερον ἐχρῶντο* of Thuc. ii 52  
 speaks strongly in favour of B and Lamb.: comp. Aen. iv 464 *piorum* Med., *priorum*  
 Vat. Pal. etc.    *humari. humare* N. P. Howard, perhaps rightly.      1280 *trepidabat* B.  
*repedabat* A Nicc. Flor. 31 Camb. two Vat. Mon. etc.      1281 *praesenti*  
 added by Ed.    *compostum* Lach.    *consortem* Flor. 31 Camb. Mar. before, Junt.  
 Lamb. etc. after *pro re. cognatum* Avanc.      1282 *res subita et* Camb. Vat. 1136  
 and 1954 Othob. for *subita et* A, *subita fit* B.    *res subitae et* Lach.    *vis subita et*  
 Flor. 31 Vat. 640 Urbin. Mar. Ald. 1 Junt. Lamb.    *mors subita et* Bern.  
 1285 *faces* Flor. 31 Camb. Mar. for *fauces*.

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